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# NEVER FORGETTING

Work began at the Saddledome Monday to remove the memorial to the Gaudreaus, as the Flames announced plans for the items to ensure the tribute's legacy lives on. **A2**

## Mayor calls UCP's handling of Green Line 'shameful'

City council set to receive update on wind-down plan for the project

MATT SCACE

Community advocates on Monday protested the provincial government's decision to pull funding from the Green Line LRT project, while Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek heaped criticism on the UCP ahead of a Tuesday meeting that will discuss the project's fate.

Gondek sharpened her criticism

of the province's handling of the north-to-south rail line following a closed-door meeting at city hall, calling its actions "shameful."

City council will receive an update from administration Tuesday on the wind-down plan for the Green Line, along with recommendations for how the city wraps up work on the project. It will also discuss the "costs and

consequences" associated with wind-down activities.

Gondek said Monday the province's plans so far remain a mystery to the city, and that she's still unclear why the province axed its portion of the funding.

"I have no idea what it is that the Government of Alberta thought they were looking at in July versus the business case that they got based on all of that information in the middle of August," Gondek said. "I don't know why they changed their mind. I don't know what they didn't have prior to this."

Alberta Transportation Minis-

ter Devin Dreeshen told Gondek on Sept. 3 the province was pulling its \$1.53-billion commitment to the project, after council had approved a shortened version of the Green Line on July 30. At the same time, the city readjusted the budget to \$6.3 billion, \$750 million more than initially budgeted for the full line. Days later, Dreeshen assured the province's share of the funding was safe.

In his letter, Dreeshen took a swipe at new Alberta NDP Leader and former Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi. "We recognize ... the untenable position you've been placed in by the former mayor and his utter failure to competently oversee the planning, design and implementation of a cost-effective transit plan that could have served hundreds of thousands of Calgarians in the city's southern and northern communities," Dreeshen wrote.

SEE GREEN LINE ON **A3**

## Politicians deny meeting with Magliocca

KEVIN MARTIN

The first of what is expected to be a parade of politicians took the witness stand virtually Monday in the trial of former city councillor Joe Magliocca.

And Quebec provincial cabinet minister Jonatan Julien told Crown prosecutor Aaron Rankin he's never met the former Calgary councillor, and never been to the Quebec City bar where Magliocca, whose given name is

Biagio, claimed he bought drinks for them.

"Do you know Biagio Magliocca, who often goes by the name Joe Magliocca?" Rankin asked the Quebec minister of infrastructure.

"No," said Julien, who took questions in English, but asked to give his answers in French and have them translated so they would be more accurate.

"Have you met him?" the prosecutor inquired.

"No," Julien repeated.

"When is the first time you heard his name?"

"The first time I heard talking about this gentleman was when I was questioned by (RCMP Cpl.) Dave Mitchell in April 2021."

Julien said the officer asked him about an expense claim Magliocca made in connection with a \$60 tab from a Quebec City pub from Feb. 10, 2019.

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WEATHER

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Staff work to dismantle the memorial to Johnny and Matthew Gaudreau in front of the Scotiabank Saddledome on Monday. The memorial was documented digitally for an album to be presented to the Gaudreau family, while various items left at the tribute are set to be donated. BRENT CALVER

# Removal of memorial to Gaudreaus gets underway at the Saddledome

Flames share donation plans for items to ensure legacy of the tribute lives on

MACKENZIE RHODE

After 13 days, the Calgary Flames on Monday began removing memorabilia left at the Saddledome in memory of Johnny and Matthew Gaudreau.

The brothers were killed in August by an alleged impaired driver while they were riding bicycles, on the eve of their sister's wedding. Calgarians quickly flocked to the Saddledome in memory of the hockey star, leaving jerseys, hock-

ey sticks, flowers, sports drinks, Skittles and other items in his memory.

The hockey team has listed dedicated destinations and donation plans for specific items in what the Flames call an "enduring tribute strategy," to assure the legacy of the memorial lives on.

Signs, messages and chalk have been photographed, with photos being provided to the Gaudreau family in a digital memory book. Any hockey sticks left behind

will be turned into benches for use in fundraising efforts for local charities. Plaques on the benches will read "In memory of Johnny & Matthew Gaudreau."

Skittles and other food items deemed no longer edible will be counted, and a financial donation in the total will be directed to the Calgary Food Bank. Sports drinks will be emptied and donated to the KidSport Calgary recycling program.

Toys made of cloth and cotton, such as teddy bears, will be donated to Parachutes for Pets, a charity supported by Mikael Backlund and Mackenzie Weegar, and used for the Lily and Dexter's Legacy

program, which ensures children in care can stay with their pets by providing essential support such as leashes, collars, vet care, vaccines and licensing. Jerseys will be used to make blankets to be donated to various charities.

Organics, such as flowers, will be composted and soil will be placed in parks around Calgary.

"The Calgary Flames sincerely appreciate the care and concern demonstrated by Flames fans and the entire community through this difficult period. The outpouring of love and support has been truly comforting," the NHL team said in a statement.

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## Filling water feeder main to begin as work reaches the 'end stages'

STEVEN WILHELM

Calgary's Bears paw south feeder main will begin refilling Tuesday, putting the city on pace to lift water restrictions this weekend.

The city has been under Stage 4 outdoor water restrictions since Aug. 26 when work began to repair 21 areas of the feeder main — areas that were identified weeks after the initial catastrophic break on June 5.

The feeder main had to be shut off during repairs, hampering the City of Calgary's ability to deliver water to customers.

"We now expect to start refilling the feeder main beginning (Tuesday) morning," Francois Bouchart, the city's director of capital priorities and investment, said in a brief update Monday afternoon.

Filling the feeder main will take about three days, he said.

Despite originally anticipating to begin filling the feeder main on Monday, he said more time was needed for concrete to cure and reach its required strength.

As the concrete cures it "heats

up," and Bouchart said officials want to make sure when they start flowing (typically cold) water through the pipe they don't introduce "temperature shock" to the concrete, which could compromise its strength.

"This should not impact our overall timeline to lift water re-

“Once all of these steps are completed, we will lift water restrictions.”

opened, reconnecting the feeder main to the system.

"Once all of these steps are completed, we will lift water restrictions," Bouchart said. Officials have said previously that the target is to lift restrictions on Sept. 21 or 22.

The city used 489 million litres of water on Sunday, above the target of 485 million L.

Bouchart noted that as the feeder main is filled, it's expected that water demand will rise by about seven million L per day, up to the 22 million L required to fill the pipe.

"We are now in the end stages of construction," Bouchart said.

On Sunday, 16th Avenue N.W. was reopened with the exception of some lane closures near 43rd Street N.W., a relief for some Montgomery businesses hoping for a return to normal.

Bouchart said 33rd Avenue N.W., east of 83rd Street N.W. is expected to open by Tuesday.

"We expect (to) reopen 33rd Avenue N.W. from 83rd Street to 87th Street later this week," he said. — With files from Bill Kaufmann swilhelm@postmedia.com

## Woman calls her \$1-million Lotto 6/49 win 'unbelievable'

A Calgary woman's stop for gas out of town turned into an extremely profitable visit, netting her a winning Lotto 6/49 draw.

Josephine Leduc purchased her lucky ticket at a Shell gas station in Brooks this summer, which won her a guaranteed prize of \$1 million in the Lotto 6/49 Gold Ball draw on July 17.



Josephine Leduc

The winnings from a white ball, 20760509-01, were significantly larger than she first thought.

"I checked my ticket on the Lot-to Spot app and thought I won \$1,000," she said in a statement released Monday by the Western Canada Lottery Corp. (WCLC). "I checked the ticket again and thought it was \$10,000."

"My husband told me to count the zeros," she said with a laugh. "Unbelievable. It's just unbelievable."

The lottery windfall will mainly serve to bolster her family's savings, Leduc said.

"We're going to put aside some money for our child and share some of the money with our family," she said. "After that, I think we'll look into investing and maybe some travelling."

Leduc joins a number of Calgarians who have won \$1 million or more in WCLC lottery prizes this year. In July, 64-year-old James Jutzi, a construction worker, claimed a \$66-million Lotto 6/49 Gold Ball prize. And in February, three friends and former co-workers split a \$50-million Lotto 6/49 prize between them.

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Francois Bouchart, the city's director of capital priorities and investment, said in an update Monday afternoon that filling the water feeder main will take about three days. BRENT CALVER FILES





Mayor Jyoti Gondek speaks at a rally in support of the Green Line LRT at city hall on Monday. In a series of posts online, she said the city has been “left to watch as the UCP compromises Calgary’s future.” **BRENT CALVER**

# Green Line’s death rattle gets louder

*Gondek blasts the province for crushing project in favour of ‘political stunting’*



**DON BRAID**

The sense of Green Line doom escalated Monday with a blast at the province from Mayor Jyoti Gondek.

“A critical public transit investment has been crushed by a government only interested in power and political stunting,” she said at the close of a 13-tweet thread.

“It’s shameful. We exist in a time when we have no hope of partnership and trust. Instead, we are left to watch as the UCP compromises Calgary’s future.”

City hall believes the three-party funding deal began its death rattle when the province withdrew its funding.

That’s the interpretation, any-

way. Ottawa has not said it will withdraw. But Gondek later told Defend the Green Line demonstrators the funding agreement is virtually done.

Premier Danielle Smith obviously wants city money for her version of the project, whatever that turns out to be when a study is concluded in December.

But the province is also clearing the ground for total collapse of the deal.

Transportation Minister Devin Dreeshen said the Green Line will go on the shelf indefinitely if the city doesn’t agree to the province’s alignment.

Dreeshen has said that if city council formally withdraws as early as Tuesday, after hearing a report from officials, “then it goes to the lawyers, and we’ll have to assess whatever they come up with at that time.”

Big money is being spent to wind down work already in progress. Green Line CEO Darshpreet Bhatti said sites have to shut

down safely.

“There’s a concern out there by many wondering what will happen to construction that’s underway,” he told a sombre public meeting of the Green Line board.

“There’s lots of work on 5th Avenue. There’s still work that’s happening by Enmax in the Beltline, and obviously we have the 78th Avenue works underway in Ogden.

“I can assure you that every step that we take moving forward will have safety in mind.

“We’ll make sure that the works are completed to a point where it’s safe for us to hand over to the city or to the appropriate authority.”

Bhatti has headed up major transit and renewal projects from Toronto to Windsor in southern Ontario. He was a high-level catch for the city, and now he’s winding down his project. What must he think of this Calgary mess.

The Green Line board is itself an odd creature. Technically a committee of council, it’s composed of experts who have some independence as long as they meet council goals.

That was supposed to shield it from political interference. Then they got crushed in the ultimate political conflict.

Most board members, including chair Don Fairbairn, weren’t even in council chambers Monday morning. They participated virtually, and not much at that.

The public part of the meeting consisted largely of burying reports behind privacy legislation. After a long in-camera session, the board approved “the confidential recommendations contained in confidential distribution.”

It directed that “the closed recommendations, the confidential distribution and closed meeting discussions, be held confidential ‘to prevent’ disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body.”

The public body in question could only be city hall and council.

The board was only doing what the law seems to require. You can bet that in a situation like this, city lawyers will interpret the law to mean no single fact can be entrusted to the public.

In almost any American city, a public body would never get away with burying one report after another on a crucial and hugely expensive public project.

But this is Canada. Official secrecy has become endemic. This is a major reason for the loss of faith in governments everywhere.

Even the law itself is hilariously conflicted. It’s call the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Guess which part gets precedence, as the Green Line walks the line between life and death.

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## Quebec City dinners didn’t happen, politicians say

**FRAUD FROM A1**

Julien, then minister of natural resources, said he was on a tour of the province at the time, on the north shore of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

“I was meeting with the mayor of Sept-Iles,” the witness said.

Sept-Iles is about 640 kilometres northeast of the provincial capital.

“Were you having drinks with Joe Magliocca that day?” Rankin asked.

“No,” Julien said.

“Have you been to a pub in Quebec City called L’Oncle Antoine?”

“No,” Julien repeated.

Rankin then produced a copy of a receipt for \$60 worth of drinks at the pub naming Julien as being there.

“Having looked at this receipt, do you remember anything of being there?”

“No, I do not,” Julien said.

“I’ve never been to that restaurant.”

Magliocca, 59, faces charges of breach of trust by a public officer and fraud in connection with allegations he filed false expense claims while a member of council during a Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in Quebec City.

The Quebec Winter Carnival ran at the same time.

Under cross-examination, defence counsel Aryan Sadat asked Julien if Mitchell showed him a copy of the receipt when he interviewed him and the cabinet minister said he didn’t.

Julien also told Sadat he never sent any representative from his office to the Quebec Winter Carnival, when asked by the lawyer if he did.

Court also heard from other politicians remotely, including Halifax Mayor Mike Savage and Toronto council member Paul Ainslie.

Rankin asked Ainslie about a receipt from another Quebec City restaurant called Sapristi, in which a claim of \$91.98 was made by Magliocca in connection with a bill from June 2, 2019.

“Do you know Joe Magliocca?” Rankin asked.

“I only met him once. I met him at a Federation of Canadian Municipalities meeting in September 2019,” Ainslie said.

That meeting was held in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., Ainslie said.

“We said hello to each other at the beginning of the meeting and that was the end of my interactions with him.”

He said he never had dinner with Magliocca in Quebec City.

The trial is set to last into next week.

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**Joe Magliocca**

## Advocate says blame for LRT ‘is on the premier of Alberta’

**GREEN LINE FROM A1**

There is an appetite among some council members for the city to create a criteria under which they would support a provincially led rail line, Gondek said, however further discussion will be needed Tuesday once administration’s report is presented to council.

The province has sought an independent review, set to arrive in December, of other routes that connect with existing transit lines at a future centralized station near the Scotia Place site.

A group of community organizations, including a handful of Alberta NDP MLAs, gathered outside city hall on Monday with green placards reading “defend the Green Line” to protest the province’s decision. About 100 people attended the rally that included

speakers from LRT on the Green, University of Calgary Students’ Union and Amalgamated Transit Union 583.

Jeff Binks, president of LRT on the Green, placed the blame for the current situation at Premier Danielle Smith’s feet. “This isn’t on Calgarians. This isn’t on city council. This is on the premier of Alberta, and we’ll see what kind of person she is and what she values in terms of Calgary and Calgarians.”

Joe Ceci, Calgary-Buffalo MLA for the NDP and former finance minister and Calgary city councillor, said the province’s potential interest in creating routes heading north to Nose Creek Valley would help further interest in building a Calgary-to-Banff rail line, adding, “I don’t think they treat municipal orders of government as an order



About 100 people attended a rally outside city hall on Monday in support of the Green Line project. **BRENT CALVER**

of government. I think they treat them as a child of the government.”

Ward 1 Coun. Sonya Sharp said she has been disappointed with the city’s communication on the issue, and said handing over the project wholesale may not be in the city’s best financial interests.

“When you wind down a project like this, yes, there’s financial risk, but there’s also reputational risk ... we need to be very much concerned about how we are presenting this in the public right now.”

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# Police ticket activists during ‘unsanctioned’ pro-Palestinian march officers tried to stop

Event organizers say a dozen fines given for taking part in parade without permits

STEVEN WILHELM

Several people were ticketed during a protest in the Beltline that was advertised as a “Rally for Palestine” that police say breached city bylaws.

Around 2 p.m. Sunday, roughly 115 protesters gathered at Tomkins Park for a non-permitted event, police said.

Both police and bylaw officers were on scene to “advise” the group of Calgary bylaws related to the event that included the use of an amplification device that “caused disruption to the community.”

At about 3:30 p.m., the group marched westbound on 17th Avenue S.W. to 14th Street S.W.

“The group spilled out onto the roadway, ignoring orders from police to return to the sidewalk,” read a post to X from Calgary Police Service on Sunday.

“Officers were deeply concerned with the number of children who were positioned on the roadway by parents participating in the march, at the back of the group where they were vulnerable to motor vehicles,” police said.

Police say that despite efforts by officers, “including the use of bikes to fence off the road and numerous requests by loud hailer,” the group refused to co-operate.

Returning on eastbound 17th Avenue S.W., the group travelled past Tomkins Park to roughly 4th Street S.W., before returning to the park around 4:30 p.m., police said.

“The unsanctioned march impacted traffic in the area throughout Sunday afternoon,” police said.

Police said 12 tickets were issued Sunday “with more enforcement expected to occur in the days and weeks that follow.” Three arrests were made: two for obstruction, and one for both obstruction and assaulting a police officer.

Participating in a parade without a permit can result in fines up to \$3,000.

Police did not say what group organized the march, but Postmedia determined Justice for Palestinians (IJV Calgary), the Watermelon Foundation for Justice and Calgary Student Movement.

The coalition includes the groups Justice for Palestinians, Independent Jewish Voices Calgary (IJV Calgary), the Watermelon Foundation for Justice and Calgary Student Movement.

The release said police arrived with close to 40 officers, four horses, several police cruisers and about 12 bylaw officers before the event began, “with clear intent to escalate.”

“We have and are continuing to receive video evidence of unlawful conduct from several CPS officers, including assault, racial profiling and discrimination,” the release read. “CPS officers used unnecessary force and excessive violence, assaulting several people and grabbing attendees out of the crowd without any due cause to restrict their movement.”

According to the news release, the 12 tickets were for participating in a “parade without a permit.” The group said many similar marches have been held in Calgary without incident.

“During the march, several attendees were shoved and rammed with bicycles by police, including an elderly community member who had joined us,” it said.

The coalition also said protesters were “grabbed and shoved” by police officers after the march concluded, when attempts to collect information “without cause” failed.

“For the last 11 months, our coalition has regularly hosted demonstrations at city hall and Tomkins Park, making every effort to communicate appropriately with the City of Calgary and CPS,” reads the release.

The groups say permits have been denied for amplification and use of Tomkins Park “because our events are political, despite Calgary Pride, Idle No More, Take Back the Night and several other political events occurring at this location.”

“Several attendees were shoved and rammed with bicycles by police, including an elderly community member.”

The coalition said that “excessive force, misconduct and discrimination” are “becoming a disturbing pattern of behaviour (from police) when dealing with our community.”

It went on to note the “violent assault of a child and pregnant woman in November of 2023 and the brutalizing of University of Calgary students in May of this year.”

An Instagram post from IJV Calgary last week said the rally was to once again “demand a permanent ceasefire, a two-way arms embargo, an end to the occupation of Palestinian land and justice for Palestinians.”

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Energy Minister Brian Jean is keeping mum on whether the province will increase oil industry levies, such as those that contribute to the fund for cleaning abandoned wells. “At this stage, I would say the Orphan Well Association is well funded,” Jean says. “But the truth is, it’s going to change.” JEFF McINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILES

## Oil companies may need public funds to clean sites: Jean

Alberta has nearly a half-million wells, data show, but oilpatch output is waning

BOB WEBER

EDMONTON Energy Minister Brian Jean is promising strong action by next fall to clean up the province’s growing backlog of unreclaimed oil and gas sites.

“There are many oil wells to reclaim and the current system is unlikely to see them reclaimed,” Jean said in an interview.

But he said industry may need help from public finances to live up to its legal obligations, as well as lower municipal tax burdens and a lighter regulatory approach.

“I don’t like sticks. I like carrots,” Jean said. “Without changes to how we approach fixed costs and we approach financing well closure, we won’t make the required progress. We need to find new ways to do liability financing, and we need to change the approach on municipal taxes.”

Government figures show the province has nearly a half-million energy wells. Less than a quarter are reclaimed.

Meanwhile, the province’s conventional oilpatch is in decline, with production falling slightly over the past decade. Less than 30 per cent of Alberta’s wells are new or active.

The squeeze between growing environmental liabilities and falling revenue has many worried about who will pay the cleanup bill. The tab has been estimated

at anywhere from \$59 billion to \$260 billion.

Energy companies are required to clean up after themselves as a condition of their licences, and Jean said he supports the principle of polluter pay.

“It’s important to me to make certain industry is responsible for its own messes,” he said.

But they may need a little help. “To stimulate activities that are necessary to protect Albertans, we might have to do some investment,” said Jean. “I’m not going to rule anything out.”

The United Conservative Party government has already proposed two programs that would use public funds to help energy companies pay for their legally required cleanup. Both have been heavily criticized.

Jean said municipal taxes on energy facilities will also be scrutinized. He suggested municipal leaders are open to the idea that some taxes are better than no taxes at all.

“They understand that the industry needs to be healthy in order to pay municipal taxes. You have to have a tax that actually makes sense.”

“They also understand we’re in it together.”

Rural Municipalities Alberta calculates provincial moves have cost its members \$9 billion in reduced assessments, and \$332

million in mandated tax holidays on top of \$252 million in unpaid taxes.

Jean refused to say whether industry levies, such as those that go into the fund that cleans up abandoned wells, would increase.

“At this stage, I would say the Orphan Well Association is well funded. But the truth is, it’s going to change.”

Rules governing oilpatch operations may also change.

“We need to make sure our industry is able to operate competitively and, as such, lower the regulatory burden as far as things that aren’t necessary,” Jean said.

He said the Alberta Energy Regulator’s current board of experts and industry players has removed what he calls “politics” from the board’s decisions.

“That’s why we want experts on the board and filled it with people who find solutions rather than just complaints.”

Meanwhile, Jean’s government is considering a report that recommends the regulator operate more closely with politicians.

The report, by longtime industry insider and conservative activist David Yager, suggests the regulator “improve long-term planning and strategic alignment between the Government of Alberta and the (regulator).”

Consultation on new legislation, which Jean said he hopes to introduce in fall 2025, is already being organized. Six discussion tables are being formed with industry players, landowners, reclamation experts, rural municipalities and Indigenous oil and gas interests.

Jean listed organizations he planned to hear from but did not mention any environmental groups. There are no forums planned for public input.

“As far as public participation in letter-writing campaigns or open-mike sessions, I don’t see that,” Jean said. “I invite people to write to their provincial representative.”

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# Business leaders push a national strategy for resource investments



CHRIS VARCOE

Canada has a persistent productivity problem that will require some savvy solutions.

Canadian business leaders think they have part of the answer: lean into the country's prolific natural resources industries, from agriculture and forestry to mining, oil and natural gas.

A new report by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce says a comprehensive national strategy is needed to promote resource investments.

Growth in these high-wage industries will boost productivity in sectors where the country holds a competitive advantage over many other countries, such as in minerals — think gold and potash — oil and natural gas, forestry and food products.

"We really need to lean into our strengths as a country," report author Andrew DiCapua said in an interview Monday.

"We are lucky to live in a country (where) we have abundant natural resources. ... We should be trying to find ways to attract investment to supercharge the sector."

In the report released last week, the national business group says this approach should include streamlining government regulations, the need for timely approval of major projects and policy stability.

It also recommends speeding up the delivery of investment tax credits for projects that cut emissions, and adopting a trade infrastructure plan to ensure the country has sufficient roads, ports and energy transmission lines for accessing resources in remote areas.

The natural resources sector is the second largest in Canada, paying compensation last year that was \$25,000 more than the national average, the study found. Growing these sectors could increase Indigenous employment and contribute to economic reconciliation.

"With Canada facing significant economic challenges — below-trend growth, declining living standards, regulatory uncertainty and weak business investment — the Canadian

economy is not keeping pace," said DiCapua, a senior economist at the chamber.

"The main recommendation here is to create regulations, policies and create regulatory certainty — or rather clarity — so that investment can be attracted into this crucial sector."

Economists, business leaders and the Bank of Canada have highlighted the country's productivity woes for years, but the level of concern is growing.

As TD Economics pointed out in a report last week, Canadians' standard of living, as measured by real GDP per person, was lower last year than in 2014.

Earlier this year, Bank of Canada senior deputy governor Carolyn Rogers issued one of the most forceful warnings, calling this a "break the glass" moment in case of an emergency.

Labour productivity measures how much an economy produces for each hour worked, and boosting it means finding ways for people to "create more value during the time they're at work," she said during a speech last March.

"This is a goal to aim for, not something to fear," Rogers said.

"When a company increases productivity, that means more revenue, which allows the company to pay higher wages to its workers without having to raise prices. Ultimately, higher productivity helps the economy generate more wealth for everyone."

However, as the chamber report points out, Canada faces a declining standard of living amid weak productivity and investment.

Trevor Tombe, an economist with the University of Calgary's School of Public Policy, notes real GDP per person last year in the United States was 43 per cent higher than in Canada. This year, it's set to produce almost 50 per cent more per person, double the gap seen between 1990 and 2015, he said Monday.

Finding a series of solutions is critical. This is where investment into natural resources can play a part.

Last year, three million jobs — directly and indirectly — were tied to Canada's natural resource industries, contributing more than \$460 billion to GDP, making up about 21 per cent of Canada's economy, according to the chamber.

The productivity of workers in the natural resource sectors is two and a half times that of those



Trevor Tombe, economics professor at the University of Calgary, says, "Canada has a comparative advantage in resources and has from its very beginning. And it shouldn't shy away from that." DEAN PILLING FILES

in the broader Canadian economy, the report found.

Canada is a trading nation and resources make up a huge part of our exports, said Deloitte Canada CEO Anthony Viel.

Last year, Canadian natural resources were responsible for \$377 billion in exports.

"It's a strength for us in bridging this productivity gap, probably our biggest lever to pull to have the most impact on Canada's productivity," he said in an interview.

"It's a critical piece of the puzzle that we as Canadians have, that some other jurisdictions don't have."

A key question is how to get more investment into these growth areas.

One solution would be to make it simpler to get much-needed infrastructure projects across the finish line. (Think of the decade-plus odyssey to get the Trans Mountain expansion completed.)

The chamber report warns that barriers to resource investment are holding back growth, and that prioritizing "timely and predictable" regulatory approvals for projects is essential.

"We have what the world needs: critical minerals, food and energy. Let's send it to the rest of

the world," said Calgary Chamber of Commerce CEO Deborah Yedlin.

"Let's not get stuck in a regulatory quagmire that causes companies to say, 'I'm going to find another place to invest.'"

The provincial government, which is sponsoring a productivity summit next month, organized by the U of C's School of Public Policy, has also been voicing concerns about the issue.

Finance Minister Nate Horner said the current productivity challenge spans all sectors.

Spurring more investment into natural resources must be part of any credible strategy to bolster Canada's productivity, he said in a statement.

"Oil and gas is far and away the most productive sector in the Canadian economy," added Tombe.

"Canada has a comparative advantage in resources and has from its very beginning. And it shouldn't shy away from that."

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Calgary Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Deborah Yedlin says Canada should encourage companies to invest in delivering the energy, critical minerals and food the world needs. BRENT CALVER FILES



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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Can Carney give the Liberals a shot?

The fact that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appointed Mark Carney as chair of a task force on economic growth is a clear indication that Liberal economic policies have not worked out well. Postmedia columnist Tasha Kheiriddin suggests that if things don't work out well with Carney as economic adviser, Trudeau will blame him and poison his future leadership chances.

That is unlikely, as this would poison Trudeau's chances as well, since he appointed Carney.

It is hard for Carney not to benefit from this appointment. With his considerable financial and business acumen, he is likely to come up with improvements to the present economic situation in Canada.

Regardless of the outcome of the next federal election,

he will be seen as the man who gave the Liberals a fighting chance. The only caveat is that Carney sits on several corporate boards, which will raise questions of whether he is acting in the interest of shareholders or the Canadian public.

I am sure the Conservatives will scrutinize this carefully.

*Peter Mannistu, Calgary*

'Common sense' in short supply

The Green Line LRT project is not a "boondoggle" as stated by Common Sense Calgary. The undermining of the Green Line by successive UCP governments is a terrible stunt. It panders to a few wealthy, penny-wise, pound-foolish business icons, and is ignorant of the short- and long-term growth demands of Calgarians.

It is also an overt attack on civic government, an illogical but politically motivated

criticism of the surging NDP under Calgary's former mayor, and an attack on thoughtful, environmentally aware, forward-thinking Calgarians. (Just look at how many cars would be pulled from the road with the fully operational, complete Green Line).

Calgary council needs to tell Premier Danielle Smith and the UCP to pound salt and damn the torpedoes. The only boondoggle is what the Smith government is foisting on us.

This absurd intervention is consistent with UCP policy. They just don't have any concern for the social contract and the common good, let alone the reputation of Calgary as one of the most livable and desirable places in the world. And we are not even talking about what has been invested and the jobs that are on the docket. Common Sense, what common sense?

What short-sightedness. The present and future voters will not forget this. Pay

for it now or pay for it later.

*Charles (Carlos) Leskun, Calgary*

Green Line's rising costs matter

I'm glad the Alberta government stopped the Green Line. City council appeared to be prepared to build it at any cost, potentially bankrupting the city.

The original plan was for 46 kilometres and 29 stations for \$4.6 billion. That averaged around \$158.6 million per station. The latest plan, which was stopped, was for 10 kilometres and seven stations for \$6.2 billion. We've seen how the project estimates have escalated, so the \$6.2 billion was likely low. That could've resulted in a per-station average cost of over \$1 billion each. To complete the original 29 stations could exceed \$30 billion.

No project warrants being built at any cost.

*Gerry Brunka, Calgary*

Green Line remains crucial to the city's future

Officials must find a way, write Jim Gray, Steve Allan, and Brian Felesky.

Contrary to popular belief, the Green Line LRT project is not dead. It's a vital project for our city's future. Only the high-cost, high-risk tunnels under our downtown river system are off the table.

The question now is, where do we go from here? Can we come together to find an effective solution?

The city and province have different and legitimate views on the Green Line. The city approved a much shorter route with a higher price tag and fewer paying commuters as the core for future development.

Premier Danielle Smith said the cost to Alberta taxpayers was too steep with too few benefits and would not support the business case for the truncated line. She also confirmed provincial funding would be available if the proposed route ran from downtown through East Village and as far south as possible, with no tunnels.

Mayor Jyoti Gondek says the withdrawal of funding means the project is no longer financially viable for the city and recommends winding it down or handing it off to the

province. A majority of councillors support her position.

Despite the promises and passionate commitment of Green Line supporters, this project has been shrouded in secrecy with countless behind-closed-door meetings and limited freedom of information. More importantly, there has never been a comprehensive business case, detailed project plan or realistic funding model for the entire line.

The decade of debate about the Green Line is water under the bridge. Today is an opportunity to clear the air and move forward with a viable, comprehensive and transparent transit plan. Decision-makers have a narrow window of opportunity to find common ground and get this train back on track. Our citizens' group is optimistic that a path forward can be found and an affordable Green Line can be built that works for commuters, taxpayers and generations of Calgarians.

To that end, we urge the city and province to engage in constructive dialogue and focus on a proactive action plan that aligns the route

with realistic funding targets.

Our commitment to the Green Line remains steadfast. We have advocated for an affordable, aboveground option from city hall to the South Health Campus and the surrounding communities for years. Our primary concern has always been the city's plan to build high-risk, high-cost underground tunnels in a complex geological floodplain. Local experts and their real-world experience building in downtown Calgary have informed our position.

Like most Calgarians, we also support the province's priority of extending the LRT to the airport.

Along with other advocacy groups and the premier, we support a full review of affordable options that meet the transit needs of communities in the north.

We also encourage examining innovative options beyond fixed rail, including flexible transit approaches that minimize costs and increase transit safety and efficiencies throughout Calgary.

But there's no time to lose. Funding from provincial and federal taxpayers to build a financially viable Green Line may still be available. Decision-makers must act quickly and responsibly to leverage

the work completed, mitigate costs, retain contractors and staff before they move on, and save jobs for Calgary workers.

The downside of doing nothing is a losing proposition for everyone. There could be decades of litigation, potentially billions of dollars in damages and no line to the south, north or airport for decades.

The upside is much more promising. An affordable line that provides an effective transit line to take people where they want to go. It would guarantee many more new riders and funds to help offset operational costs. It could also lead to improved mobility, reduced traffic and a boost to the local economy.

We ask our elected officials to collaborate in good faith, preserve the investment's value thus far, and limit liabilities and risks. By devising a viable plan, they can create a winning scenario for Calgarians, commuters and taxpayers.

The Green Line is not dead; it's just derailed.

Can it get back on track?

Absolutely — with sound decisions and an action plan. If there's a will, there's a way. *Jim Gray, Steve Allan, and Brian Felesky write on behalf of the Rethink the Green Line ad hoc citizens committee.*

Ongoing building boom will reduce housing costs

Rent control not the answer, writes Rob Breakenridge.

With proponents of rent control ramping up efforts to pressure the Alberta government, a remarkable thing has been happening in the background: rents have actually been coming down.

For the first time since February 2021, the average rent in Calgary declined — for a one-bedroom apartment, the average was down 2.5 per cent from the previous month and down 1.1 per cent from the previous year, while the decline for a two-bedroom apartment was even more pronounced. That's according to the latest report from Rentals.ca, which showed rents were also down in a number of major Canadian cities. That obviously doesn't erase the increases we've seen in recent years nor guarantee that rents will continue to decline. However, it certainly puts to rest the notion that government price controls are all that stand between us and perpetually increasing rents (imposed by greedy landlords).

Nonetheless, the group Alberta ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) has been targeting various UCP MLAs with protests and rallies, calling for the Alberta government to impose rent control. The Opposition NDP has also continued to push for similar measures.

The case for such policies rests on a narrative that doesn't allow for rents to decline any other way. After all, if forces other than greed are driving prices, then maybe the solution lies elsewhere.

It should be abundantly clear by now that an imbalance of supply and demand — too much of the latter and not enough of the former — has been driving up the cost of both home prices and rents. It should therefore also be clear that reducing demand and/or increasing supply will help ease prices.

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And sure enough, that's what's happening. As the Rentals.ca report notes, apartment completions have reached their highest total in decades and, at the same time, population growth has weakened.

Here in Alberta, we've seen a real building spree. According to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., housing starts in Alberta over the first six months of the year were up 54 per cent, far beyond the national average of only seven per cent. Recent zoning changes should also help add to that building boom.

At the same time, though, it doesn't appear as though Alberta's population boom is slowing down. The erosion in housing affordability in Calgary may be pushing some to other Alberta communities. Edmonton, for example, saw a year-over-year rent increase, although the trend there has been downward in the past two months. Other smaller cities also saw rent increases. But no one is claiming that big city landlords suddenly became more generous while greed increased elsewhere. It simply shows that we have a lot more work to do when it comes to restoring balance to supply and demand. There are likely many rent control proponents who would have us believe that we could simply cap and regulate rents while still trying to build up supply. That view, however, is misguided, and it's why the Alberta government is right to resist this pressure.

Earlier this year, German economist Konstantin Kholodilin published a meta-study reviewing nearly all the literature regarding the effect of rent control policies — a total of more than 100 different reports. Perhaps not surprisingly, the review found that, indeed, legislated limits on rents or rent increases do affect rent prices.

However, the evidence also points to unintended and detrimental consequences. In fact, the evidence shows overwhelmingly that rent control policies lead to lower supply and less new rental unit construction. It often also leads to a decline in the quality of rental housing.

It wasn't rent control that helped to ease rents here in Calgary. Rent control also didn't keep Toronto and Vancouver from ending up with the highest rents in the country.

Accelerating our building boom is what will address affordability, and we should shun any policies that get in the way of that.

*"Afternoons with Rob Breakenridge" airs weekdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on QR Calgary Radio rob.breakenridge@corusent.com Twitter X: @RobBreakenridge*



“Some people are hesitant to take a cognitive assessment due to privacy concerns or because they incorrectly assume that nothing could be done with the results or are worried what they might find out. **Steven Petrow**



Memory loss can be due to various underlying issues and affects segments of the population differently. Pinpointing the exact cause is key. PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

STEVEN PETROW

Twenty years ago, at a particularly stressful time in my mid-40s, I thought I was losing my mind — or at least my memory. I sometimes had trouble coming up with words — initially names, then simple phrases (like referring to the proverbial “night owl” as a “night bird”). Each flub made me anxious, which then worsened my memory issues. Listening to my inner hypochondriac, I became convinced I had a brain tumour. I went to see my primary care doctor.

She asked me a series of questions. “What year is it?” “What’s today’s date?” “Who’s the president?” I was batting 1.000 until she asked me to spell “w-o-r-l-d” backward, when I faltered. My pulse began to race. “Can you count backward from 100 by sevens?” she queried me. I got to 93 but could go no further, which is when I broke down sobbing, convinced I’d been right about my diagnosis.

“You don’t have a brain tumour or a cognitive deficit,” she told me. “But you do have an anxiety disorder,” she said abruptly, knowing the stress I’d been under. She prescribed medication for the anxiety and suggested I begin a meditation practice.

I’m not the only one I know to worry about my cognition or brain health. According to a 2020 study, two-thirds of Americans experience some level of cognitive decline by age 70. The lifetime risk for dementia for women is 37 per cent (24 per cent for men). These are stats that will make you pay attention.

Notably, there are key differences among populations. Higher education and continued learning appear to build up a “cognitive reserve” that can help stave off symptoms. Disadvantaged groups experience a younger age of onset, higher lifetime risk and more years of cognitive impairment than their more advantaged counterparts. Race and ethnicity seem to count, too: White women average six years of cognitively impaired life compared with 12 and 13 years among Black women and Latinas.

Unbeknownst to me, my doctor had used one of the most commonly used cognitive assessment tools (also known as memory tests), the Mini-Mental State Exam (MMSE). It’s considered highly effective in recognizing cognitive impairment and revealing changes that may benefit from intervention.

But if you’re considering getting tested to assuage anxiety or to learn more, know that cognitive

# PUT YOUR BRAIN TO THE TEST

How useful are cognitive assessment tools?  
The answer might surprise you

assessments don’t tell the whole story. Ronald Petersen, a neurologist at the Mayo Clinic who specializes in the cognitive changes associated with aging, notes that “they give us an approximate idea of how someone is doing cognitively, but they’re not diagnostic.”

He won’t tell a patient to stop driving based on the results, for example, and he can’t use them to make a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease. Screening tests don’t reveal why there may be cognitive impairment, where in the brain there’s a problem or what condition might be causing it.

Petersen explained that these screenings are like blood pres-

sure readings, providing “a metric, a number that we can put on cognitive function that helps us assess where the person is now and, most importantly, where they may be going if, in fact, we do this (testing) on a regular basis.”

This is why psychologist Stephen Rao, who heads the cognitive neuroimaging centre at Cleveland Clinic, recommends annual assessments for those 65 plus. All patients in his facility are given a battery of tests during their yearly wellness appointments to measure and track cognitive function (orientation, registration, attention/calculation, recall and language).

If the findings suggest a notice-

able change or an abnormality, Rao can recommend more sophisticated testing, including an MRI or PET scan, a lumbar puncture to look at cerebrospinal fluid (which can help diagnose Alzheimer’s) and blood biomarker tests, seen as an emerging option for detecting the abnormal buildup of proteins that could be an early sign of Alzheimer’s disease.

Medicare covers cognitive assessments during an annual wellness visit, but Petersen says many primary care doctors are uncomfortable administering them. They don’t know which tests to use — some are as simple as the one my doctor used, but others can take up

to 25 minutes to administer — how to interpret the results and what to do with abnormal findings.

A recent poll showed that 80 per cent of older adults see the benefit of these assessments, with 60 per cent saying they’d like their health-care providers to offer them. At the same time, 80 per cent haven’t been tested in the past year and 59 per cent report never having had one.

It’s important to differentiate the changes to be expected during aging from actual cognitive impairment. “It’s not black and white,” says Petersen, adding that normal aging includes occasionally forgetting the names of acquaintances, missing a monthly payment, having trouble finding the right word, and losing things.

More troubling signs might be forgetting names of close family members, often being unable to find things, ongoing problems managing bills, or difficulty maintaining a conversation. It may be time for a cognitive test if you are asking the same question repeatedly, getting lost in places you know well, or having trouble following recipes.

Some people are hesitant to take a cognitive assessment due to privacy concerns or because they incorrectly assume that nothing could be done with the results or are worried what they might find out. But Rao said that about 40 per cent of dementia cases “can either be reversed or slowed down if detected early.”

He also emphasized that screening can alert doctors to look for other, treatable issues that may cause cognitive decline. For instance, doctors say, blood clots may cause memory issues, as can some medications, a head injury, alcohol or drug misuse, too little sleep and low levels of crucial nutrients (such as vitamin B12). Depression and stress can also affect memory. The good news, says Petersen, is that memory problems may go away once the underlying condition is treated.

That’s why, when I go in for my next annual wellness visit, I’m going to ask my doctor for a cognitive assessment.

I’ve learned a trick or two since my last test: It’s much easier to do the countdown exercise (repeatedly subtract seven from 100) if you subtract 10 and then add three back. Also, it’s not hard to memorize how to spell “w-o-r-l-d” backward. As long as my doctor doesn’t give me a different word, I should do fine.

The Washington Post



A 2020 study found that two-thirds of Americans experience cognitive decline by the age of 70.



# Japan celebrates record wins for Shogun

YURI KAGEYAMA

TOKYO Japan erupted with joy as the samurai series Shogun won a record 18 Emmys for its first season.

It took home prizes including outstanding drama series, as star and co-producer Hiroyuki Sanada became the first Japanese actor to win the Emmy for best lead actor in a dramatic series. Co-star Anna Sawai won best actress in a dramatic series, also a first for Japan.

"You did it. You did it. Congratulations," Takashi Yamazaki, director of Godzilla Minus One, wrote on social media.

The wins made national headlines. Entertainment media company Oricon proudly reported a work whose spoken lines were mostly in the Japanese language "made Emmy history."

"The grand scale of Hollywood combined with the high quality of the production, including costuming, props and mannerisms; the collaboration between the Japanese professional team, headed by producer Sanada, and the local production team; as well as the acting that delivered a strong sense of reality, all came together," the report said.



Hiroyuki Sanada

Actor Kento Kaku from Like a Dragon: Yakuza (2024) said he felt inspired to pursue Hollywood dreams.

"After seeing how cool that was, who's not going to want to take up the challenge," he wrote on X.

Actress Tomoko Mariya said she wept when Sanada's win was announced.

"What hardships you must have endured, choosing to leave your entire career behind in Japan and going to America alone. But it has borne fruit," she wrote, referring to Sanada's move to Los Angeles 20 years ago.

The accolades for Shogun reflect not only the growing diversity in American entertainment, but also the legacy of Japan's "jidaigeki" samurai films, which have influenced directors worldwide.

Sanada, alluded to those who went before in his acceptance speech.

"The passion and dreams we inherited travelled across the seas and crossed borders." *The Associated Press*



Eugene Levy, left, and Dan Levy were well-meaning — if slightly uninspired — hosts for Sunday's Emmys. CHRIS PIZZELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## COMMENT

# EMMYS A LETDOWN

*A lacklustre event with predictable outcomes struck a bland note*

LILI LOOFBOUROW

The 76th Emmy Awards felt a little like an afterthought. The event, hosted by blandly amusing father-son duo Eugene and Dan Levy, was heavily overshadowed — not just by last year's far more engaging ceremony, but also by the oft-overlooked Creative Arts Emmys, at which Shogun broke records.

A full week before the prime-time Emmys began, the drama based on James Clavell's 1975 novel had notched an astounding 14 wins for categories including best guest actor in a drama series (Nestor Carbonell), main title design and casting. The series from Disney's FX beat the record for most wins for a single season of television and the record for most wins by a series in its first season.

So there wasn't much suspense. Shogun was a lock for best drama and The Bear seemed poised to win best comedy; the show started the evening with a record-breaking 23 nominations.

What little speculative chatter there was pertained to category questions. It's pretty much de rigueur to observe that while The Bear is a fine show, it is not, in any meaningful sense, a comedy.

One sensed, in the standing ovation Jean Smart received while accepting the award for best leading actress in a comedy for her work in Hacks, some collective relief that an actual comedy had won in the comedy category. When Hacks won best comedy, the crowd went wild.

The Bear did fine! Ebon Moss-Bachrach won for best supporting actor, and Liza Colón-Zayas, whose performance in Napkins, the sixth episode of the third



Liza Colón-Zayas

season, has been rightly praised as transcendent, delivered one of the most touching speeches of the night.

I was shocked to learn she's the first Latina ever to win best supporting actress in a comedy series and found myself echoing John Leguizamo's condemnation of the lack of Latino representation on TV — a theme Emmy presenters Gael García-Bernal and Diego Luna elaborated on by presenting their category exclusively in Spanish.

The Bear's Christopher Storer won best director and best writer for a comedy series, and Jeremy Allen White won best lead actor. Again. One can grouse (and I will) about a system that perversely pronounces White's simmering fury and pain as he confronts his abusive boss funnier than Larry David in Curb Your Enthusiasm.

Shogun notched another four wins: for Hiroyuki Sanada as best actor in a drama, Anna Sawai as best actress, Frederick E.O. Toye for best director and the show as a whole for best drama. There were a thousand reasons Shogun should have failed to find an American audience. As co-creator and showrunner Justin Marks says: "You guys green-lit a very expensive subtitled Japanese period piece whose central climax revolves around a poetry competition."

The underperformers may not have deserved to lose, but neither did they need to win. Only Murders in the Building, which started the night with 21 nominations but won only



Jeremy Allen White

three awards is far too pleased with itself. The Morning Show should never have racked up 16 nominations; the creators should be ecstatic to have walked away with three awards, including Billy Crudup for best supporting actor. And The Crown might not have got the farewell it hoped for. It received 18 nominations, but it's symbolically fitting, perhaps, that Elizabeth Debicki won

for her portrayal of Princess of Wales in the show's uneven last season.

The biggest twist of the night was Baby Reindeer's breakout success. Richard Gadd's harrowing, autobiographical, six-episode Netflix show about his experience with a stalker won four Emmys. Gadd won for best actor and writer in a limited series. Jessica Gunning won best supporting actress for her arresting performance as Martha, Gadd's stalker, and the show probably earned the win for best drama in the limited series category.

There's not much to say about the ceremony itself. Compared to last year, this year's ceremony was kind of a dud.

The Levys tried, delivering a few mild, anodyne, well-meaning bits. When Martin Short and Steve Martin seem stilted and under-rehearsed — and virtually all the presenters prove to be more entertaining in the commercials airing between segments than they do onstage — something's gone a bit wrong. *The Washington Post*

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**TITO JACKSON 1953-2024****'An incredible man who cared about everyone'****BRIAN P. D. HANNON**

Tito Jackson, one of the brothers who made up the pop group the Jackson 5, has died at age 70.

Tito was the third of nine Jackson children, which include global superstars Michael and sister Janet.

"It's with heavy hearts that we announce that our beloved father, Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Tito Jackson is no longer with us," his sons TJ, Taj and Taryll said in a statement posted on Instagram late Sunday.

"We are shocked, saddened and heartbroken. Our father was an incredible man who cared about everyone and their well-being."

The Jackson 5 included brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael. The family group, which was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1997, produced several No. 1 hits in the 1970s, including ABC, I Want You Back and I'll Be There.

The Jackson 5 became one of

the biggest acts in music under the guidance of their father, Joe Jackson, a steelworker and guitar player. As the family's music careers took off, they left their home in Gary, Ind., for California.

Michael Jackson died at age 50 on June 25, 2009.

On Sept. 11, days before his death, Tito Jackson posted a message on Facebook from Germany, where he visited a memorial in honour of Michael.

"Before our show in Munich, my brothers Jackie, Marlon, and I, visited the beautiful memorial dedicated to our beloved brother, Michael Jackson. We're deeply grateful for this special place that honours not only his memory but also our shared legacy. Thank you for keeping his spirit alive," he wrote.

Tito Jackson is survived by his brothers Jermaine, Randy, Marlon and Jackie, his sisters Janet, Rebbie and La Toya and mother, Katherine. Their father died in 2018.

*The Associated Press*



Musician Tito Jackson, a member of the Jackson 5, has died at the age of 70. LEON NEAL/GETTY IMAGES

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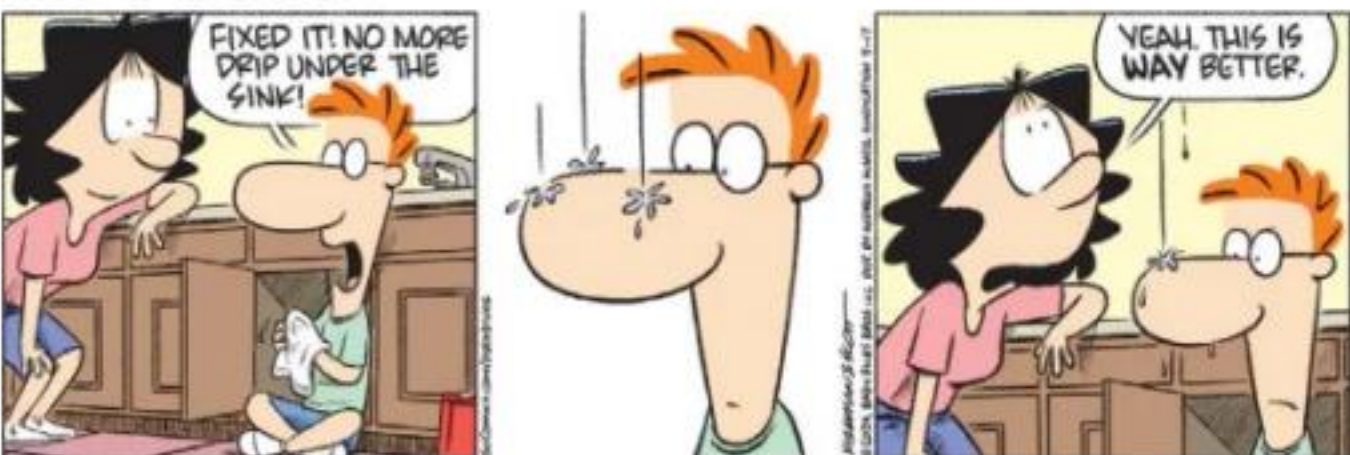
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

BOBBINS

Solution: 6 letters

B	O	R	D	E	R	E	D	N	I	L	Y	C	S	M
E	R	N	E	E	D	L	E	L	I	T	X	E	T	A
L	O	A	L	U	M	I	N	U	M	F	M	H	F	C
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Instructions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

EASY

2÷			4+		
2÷		12×	3−		
			2		1−
8+					

CHALLENGING

360×			60×		
10+			9×		1−
		240×			
60×			3+		9+
			2		90×
1−			2÷		4

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LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

HOROSCOPE FOR SEPTEMBER 17



BY EUGENIA LAST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Take note of what's working for you and what isn't, and adjust your plans to suit your needs. It's time to dump what you no longer use and to simplify your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Determine what's best and reserve judgment before acting. It's best to focus on self-improvement instead of trying to change others. Criticism will distance you from someone you love. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Choose to tie up loose ends. The less you leave undone, the better you will feel. A change of pace will give you a reason to consider taking on a new challenge or to look for ways to raise your income. Travel and communication are favored. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Relax, digest information and determine what's best for you. Don't follow the crowd. Look at the big picture and consider how you feel and what you want to achieve before you commit to something that benefits someone else more than it does you. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Put your energy where it counts. Upholding your reputation by taking responsibility and living up to your commitments will help you lay the foundation for better prospects. Don't risk your physical well-being; take necessary precautions before you engage in events or activities. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

You'll respond better to physical actions than empty promises. Take responsibility, verify information and only change what's necessary. Focus more on self-improvement and personal growth and less on what others choose to do. It's up to you to create prospects and opportunities that serve you well. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Speak up and share your thoughts and feelings, but don't make a mountain out of a

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Explore what's available. It's necessary to take the path that resonates with your soul and brings you closer to a place that offers comfort and peace of mind. Refuse to let others choose for you or manipulate your train of thought. Be true to yourself. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Pay attention to detail and to what others say and do. Through observation you'll gain insight that can help you make a decision that can improve your lifestyle and contribute to your creativity and overall attitude. Trust in yourself and your skills, and choose what you desire most. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Listen carefully. Someone will adjust the truth to suit their needs. A proactive approach to deciphering your position will help you break down what's necessary. An optimistic attitude will make you appear vulnerable if you don't set boundaries. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

You'll get a clear picture regarding an investment or money management issue. Set a budget and plan, and you'll look like a genius. Take the initiative and make the changes that suit you. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Pay attention to how you feel and present yourself. A confident attitude will overcome any doubt someone may have in your ability to get things done. Don't feel you have to make a move or change because someone else does. Your strength of character is your secret weapon. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Don't take on more than you can handle. Focus on what's necessary and do your best. Discipline and hard work will pay off and help you avoid temptation and those trying to take advantage of you. 3 stars

BIRTHDAY BABY:

You are articulate, persistent and extraordinary. You are sensitive and unique.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 expressed in words (10)

2 student storage (7)

3 army doctors (6)

4 adieux (9)

5 real (7)

6 act like (7)

7 brilliance (8)

SOLUTIONS

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Answers: 1. VERBALIZED 2. LOCKERS 3. MEDICS 4. FAREWELLS 5. GENUINE 6. IMITATE 7. SPLENDOR

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"B M U I J V F M U , N G N C M L S P F ' E N I J G M C H J C N E G P F V Y E N J X O P B C , S P F V U M A A A P P X A M X N S P F ' E N M C K I J E H N . " — O M E N K U P E W J F A L N M H

Solution: "With a suit, even if you're having a nervous breakdown, you still look like you're in charge." — Director Paul Feig

TODAY'S CLUE: B equals 5

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TODAY'S SOLUTIONS:

WONDERWORD: FABRIC

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4	1	3	2	2÷
1	3	2	4	2÷

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3	6	2	1	2	6	3	90×
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1	3	4	5	6	2	1	9×
2	6	3	4	5	1	2	60×

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7	4	2	9	6	5	8	1	3	3
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1	5	7	6	9	4	2	3	8	7
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Today

H: 21 L: 10

P.O.P: 20%

Mainly sunny.

Wind: SE, 14kmh

Tomorrow

H: 20 L: 9

P.O.P: 20%

Mix, sun and clouds.

Wind: NW, 33kmh

Thursday

H: 20 L: 9

P.O.P: 10%

Sunny.

Wind: NW, 14kmh

Friday

H: 15 L: 6

P.O.P: 30%

Mix, sun and clouds.

Wind: N, 17kmh

Saturday

H: 16 L: 8

P.O.P: 30%

Cloudy.

Wind: SE, 12kmh

Precipitation

September

Normal, Month [mm]: 36.2

Current: 57.6

Difference: +21.4

Percent of Normal: 159%

Temperature Trend

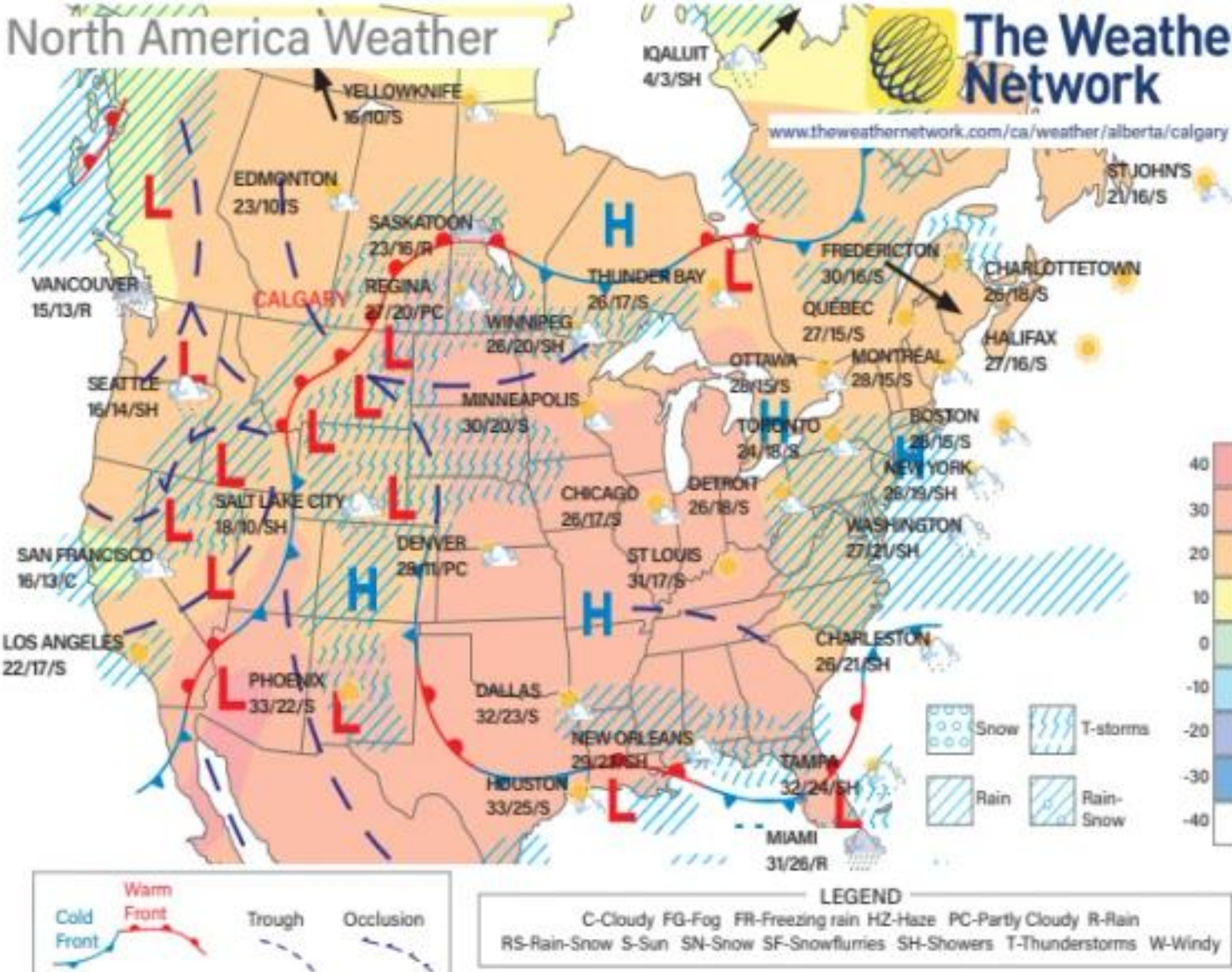
Today is **WARMER** than Average.

Today's Average [°C]: 17

Expected [at 3pm ET]: 21

Difference: +4

Yesterday's Extreme Temperatures  
Hot spot in Canada: 29.6 °C [85.3 °F] Gaspé Airport, QC; Gaspé, QC  
Cold spot in Canada: -2.7 °C [27.1 °F] Svartevåg, NU



ALBERTA Today Tomorrow				Today Tomorrow			
Athabasca	22/10 S	21/9 S		Jasper	30/5 S	19/5 S	
Barth	18/7 S	18/6 PC		Lac La Pêche	22/2 S	21/0 PC	
Barrhead	22/9 S	21/8 S		Letbridge	21/2 PC	18/7 R	
Bassano	21/14 SH	18/11 R		Lloydminster	22/4 T	17/2 R	
Bonnyville	22/2 S	21/1 PC		Medicine Hat	23/5 PC	16/2 R	
Bragg Creek	18/8 SH	18/7 PC		Oakoka	20/1 PC	20/9 PC	
Brooks	20/14 T	18/12 R		Peace River	22/2 PC	19/8 PC	
Calgary	21/10 S	20/9 PC		Ponoka	22/2 S	21/9 PC	
Camrose	22/2 S	21/9 PC		Provost	21/14 SH	16/2 R	
Canal	22/2 S	21/9 S		Red Deer	22/9 S	21/8 PC	
Cold Lake	21/13 S	19/12 SH		Rocky Ridge	21/5 S	20/5 PC	
Coronation	22/14 S	18/11 R		St. Lawrence	20/1 S	17/0 S	
Drayton Valley	21/8 S	19/8 S		Stettin	22/2 S	21/0 C	
Edson	19/7 S	18/6 S		Swan Hills	17/8 S	15/6 S	
Fort Chipewyan	19/13 S	17/9 PC		Valleyview	21/9 PC	18/8 S	
Fort McMurray	23/10 S	22/9 S		Vegreville	23/2 S	21/0 PC	
Grand Cache	19/8 PC	16/6 S		Vermilion	22/3 SH	20/11 PC	
Grande Prairie	21/18 PC	19/9 S		Wainwright	21/14 SH	19/1 C	
High Level	18/10 PC	17/8 S		Westlock	22/9 S	21/8 S	
High Prairie	21/9 PC	18/8 S		Wetaskiwin	23/0 S	21/9 PC	
Hinton	20/8 S	18/5 S		Whitecourt	21/8 S	19/7 S	

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Today's Sun

Sunrise: 7:13am

Sunset: 7:48pm

Sunlight Hours: 8

WORLD Today Tomorrow

Amsterdam	20/13 SH	23/14 S	Dublin	19/8 S	17/10 S
Athens	17/8 S	20/18 SH	Edinburgh	21/9 S	19/8 S
Auckland	13/8 SH	13/10 SH	Geneva	19/11 PC	19/10 S
Bangkok	31/25 R	31/25 T	Ho Chi Minh	31/25 SH	31/25 SH
Beijing	28/20 S	28/21 S	Hong Kong	30/26 SH	31/27 T
Beirut	29/25 SH	29/25 SH	Istanbul	25/18 SH	25/19 SH
Belgrade	21/1 S	22/14 S	Jerusalem	25/17 S	26/17 S
Berlin	25/14 S	25/14 S	Kyiv	25/15 S	23/13 PC
Bogota	24/9 S	22/9 SH	Lisbon	32/17 S	26/18 S
Bucharest	24/13 PC	24/12 SH	London	21/14 S	24/16 S
Buenos Aires	21/16 PC	22/17 S	Madrid	26/16 S	27/16 S
Cairo	35/22 S	35/23 S	Manila	30/25 SH	30/26 SH
Cape Town	17/9 S	15/11 SH	Mexico City	24/15 R	26/16 SH
Copenhagen	19/14 S	20/14 S	Milan	21/12 SH	23/13 PC
Dubai	39/31 S	38/30 S	Moscow	24/13 S	24/12 S

CANADA Today Tomorrow

Banff	18/7 S	18/6 PC
Brandon	25/19 PC	26/17 PC
Calgary	21/10 S	20/9 PC
Charlottetown	26/18 S	24/15 S
Churchill	20/9 S	21/13 PC
Corner Brook	23/14 SH	20/11 SH
Edmonton	23/10 S	21/9 PC
Fredrickton	30/16 S	28/17 S
Halifax	27/16 S	27/16 S
Iqaluit	4/3 SH	4/2 C
Kelowna	22/10 S	22/10 S
Moncton	28/17 S	27/16 S
Montréal	28/15 S	27/18 PC
Ottawa	28/16 S	27/18 PC
Québec	27/15 S	26/17 PC
Regina	27/20 PC	26/14 T
Saint John	22/15 S	22/15 S
Saskatoon	23/16 R	21/14 T
Sherbrooke	27/13 S	27/16 PC
St John's	21/16 S	18/14 SH
Sudbury	28/11 S	27/16 PC
Thunder Bay	26/17 S	26/14 S
Toronto	24/18 S	21/18 SH
Vancouver	15/13 R	18/12 S
Victoria	16/12 SH	19/12 PC
Whitehorse	12/4 S	11/3 PC
Winnipeg	26/20 SH	27/20 PC
Yellowknife	16/10 S	14/10 SH

Comfort Indexes

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TV TIMES TONIGHT - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17														MOVIES	TALK	SPORTS	KIDS
C	B	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
3	4	CTV	News (N) Live	News (N)	News (N) Live	AlbertaPr (N)	etalk (N)	Big Bang	High Potential (N) (P)	Password		The Rookie		CTV (N)	News (N)		
3	38	OMNI	Omni News (N)	Property Outlook	Omni News	News (N)	Punjabi (N)	News (N)	Omni News	OMNI News (N)	Cantonese (N)	News (N)	Cantonese	News-Punjabi	Focus Punjabi		
3		ABC	4 News Now on KXLY+ (N)	4 News Now (N)	World News (N)	4 News Now (N)	4 News Now (N)	Inside Ed. (N)	ET (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N) (SP)				High Potential (N) (P)			
9	9	CBC	Jamie's Quick	Jamie's Quick	News (N)	News (N)	Coronation (N)	Schitt's Creek	22Minutes (N) (..)	Still Standing	Winnipeg Comedy Fest (N)	The National (N)		News (N)	22 Minutes		
7	2	Global	News (N)	Global (N)	Global News Hour at 6 (N)	The Goldbergs	ET (N)	FBI: Most Wanted	FBI		FBI: International			Global News at 11 (N)			
9	5	CITY	Kelly Clarkson	Zendaya (N)	CityNews at 6 Calgary (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	Hudson & Rex		America's Got Talent (N) Live				CityNews (N)	(..35) J.Kimmel (N)		
9		CBC-F	(4:00) On va se l..	Silence (N)	TJ Alberta (N)	Téléjour. (N)	Stat (N)	La facture (N)	À coeur battant (N)	Gars (N)	Temps de (N)	Le téléjournal (N)		Sports (N)	On va se le dire		
11		CMT	Cheers	Cheers	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Workaholics	Workaholics	Becker	Becker	Wings	Wings	The Office		
12		CBS	KREM 2 News at 4 (N)		News (N)	CBS News (N)	KREM 2 News at 6 (N)	Dateline		FBI		FBI: International		FBI: Most Wanted			
13		CTV2	Bob Heart	News (N)	Primetime (N)	How It's Made	Big Bang	etalk (N)	Transplant	Transplant		Suits		Primetime	(..35) J. Fallon (N)		
14		PBS	Alma's Way	Xavier Riddle	America	To Dine For	PBS News Hour (N)	Finding Your Roots	American Masters (N)					Breakthrough			
15		NN	Canada Tonight With Travis Dhanraj (N)				The National (N)		The National (N)			The National (N)		The National (N)			
16		NBC	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NBC News (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel (N)	America's Got Talent (N)			Password			
17		TREE	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	(..15) Blaze	(..40) Thomas	Rubble	(..40) Binky	(..05) Franklin	PeppaPig	Bubble	(..45) Rivets	(..10) Ready.	Various	(..20) Max & Ruby	(..45) Blue	
18		HGTV	Rock Solid Builds		Property Brothers		Farmhouse Facelift (N)		100 Day Hotel Challenge (N)	Unsellable Houses		Farmhouse Facelift		100 Day Hotel Challenge			
20		YTV	(4:00) **** Home (15)		The Next Step	The Next Step	**** Home (15) Voices of Rihanna, Jim Parsons.			The Next Step	The Next Step	Danger Force	Danger Force	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
21		TSN	WNBA Basketball Minnesota Lynx at Connecticut Sun (N) Live		SC	SportsCentre (N) Live				Golf Talk Canada		SC With Jay Onrait (N) Live		SportsCentre (N) Live			
22		FOX	Two Half Men	Last Man	Modern Family	Big Bang	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Beat Shazam (N) (SF)			News (N)	(..35) FamFeud		
23		W	The Good Wife		The Good Doctor		Will & Grace	Mindy	Superstore	Superstore	**** Charlie's Angels (00) Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz.			Mom	Mom		
24		TLC	My Big Fat Fabulous Life		My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life (N)		Welcome to Plathville (N)		Sister Wives		My Big Fat Fabulous Life		My Big Fat Fabulous Life		
25		FOOD	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		
26		A&E	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	(..05) Neighbor.	(..35) Neighbor.	(..05) Neighbor.	(..35) Neighbor.	(..05) Neighbor.	(..35) Neighbor.	
27		SNW	Misplays	Blue Jays (N)	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers From Globe Life		Field in Arlington, Texas. (N) Live		Sportsnet (N)	MLB Baseball (N)		Misplays		Sportsnet (N)	Sportsnet		
28		CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Live		The Source With (N) Live		CNN NewsNight (N) Live		Laura Coates Live (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360		The Source With Kaitlan Collins		
30		SN360	Plays	Misplays	Dana White's Contender Series (N) Live				Plays		WWE NXT (N)			Dana White's Contender Series			
32		SHOW	NCIS		NCIS		A Town Called Malice		(..25) NCIS	(..20) NCIS		(..15) NCIS		(..10) NCIS			
33		SLCE	Neighbor	Neighbor	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Housewives of Dubai (N)		Man-Plan	Man-Plan	Daily Show (N)	(..45) After Mid. Paul Feig (N)	The Goldbergs	King	King		
34		STZ2W	(4:40) **** Empire of the Sun (87) Christian Bale.		(..20) **** The Cable Guy (96) Matthew Broderick, Jim Carrey.				**** Split (16) Anya Taylor-Joy, James McAvoy.					**** The New Romantic (18)			
35		DISC	Mayday		Race to Survive: NZ (N)		Hoffman Family Gold (N)		Gold Rush-Res. (N)		NUMB3RS		NUMB3RS		Race to Survive: New Zealand		
36		CTVDR	Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		Chicago Med		
37		OLN	Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		
38		TOON	Hotel/(..15) Total	Gumball	Teen/(..15) Teen	Teen/(..45) Teen	Teen/(..15) Teen	Teen/(..45) Teen	Looney/Looney	Scooby-Doo	Teen/(..15) Teen	Teen/(..45) Teen	My	My	My		
39		FAM	**** Finn on the Fly (08) Ryan Belleville, Matthew Knight.		LEGO Dream	Boss Baby	Ladybug	Abominable	Family Matters	The Goldbergs	Degrassi	Life Derek		**** Finn on the Fly (08)			
40		PCH	The Conners	WNBA Basketball Chicago Sky at Atlanta Dream (N) Live		The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	GMFB: Overtime (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Last Man			
41		CTVCo	Young Sheldon	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Conners	The Conners	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		
42		TCM	(4:00) **** The Secret Garden		**** Algiers (38) Hedy Lamarr, Charles Boyer.		**** Touch of Evil: Extended (58) Charlton Heston.		**** Jungle Book (42) Joseph Calleia, Sabu.								
43		HIST	Mega-Brands		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	S.W.A.T.		History's Greatest Mysteries	Escapes With Morgan		How Disney Built America		Mega-Brands (N)			
44		CTVSci	Star Trek: The Next Generation		Star Trek: The Next Generation		Snowpiercer (N) (F)		Star Trek: The Next Generation		Castle		Castle		Star Trek: The Next Generation		
45		AMC	(2:30) **** The Shining		**** Twister (96) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.		**** The Perfect Storm (00) Mark Wahlberg, George Clooney.							Orphan			
46		DTOUR	Alaska Haunting		Border	Border	Ghost Adventures (N)		Paranormal Lockdown		Paranormal Lockdown		Ghost Adventures: House Calls		Paranormal Lockdown		
51	32	YESTV	The Middle	Mike & Molly	Murdoch Mysteries		Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Bull	Huntley	Your Story	Life Today	Hagee	Heartland			
55		TLN	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	For the Love	Dream of Italy	Ray Winstone's Sicily	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Incredible Homes		Crazy Rich Agents			
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120		MTV	How It's Made	How It's Made	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta (N)		Caught in the (N)		Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Caught in the Act: Unfaithful		Ridiculousness		
122		VISN	Murder, She Wrote		Shakespeare		Shetland		Silent Witness		Murdoch Mysteries		**** The Man in the Iron Mask (98) Leonardo DiCaprio.				
126		TV5	Climat d'urgence "Grèce"		Sur le front (N)		Les routes de l'impossible (N)		L'absente (N)		(..10) C dans l'air (N)		(..15) Afrique (N)	(..45) Journal (N)	(..15) Climat d'urgence "Grèce"		
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55	CRVM1W	(05) 🌟🌟🌟 The Secret Garden ('20) Colin Firth.			(50) 🌟🌟🌟 A Man Called Otto ('22) Mariana Treviño, Tom Hanks.			🌟 Sons of Summer ('22) Temuera Morrison.			(35) 🌟 Lamborghini: The Man Behind the Legend										
56	CRVM2W	(20) 🌟🌟🌟 Rocky II ('79) Talia Shire, Sylvester Stallone.			(20) Corner Gas		(45) Corner Gas	(30) Law & Order		The Americans		(50) 🌟 Backspot ('23) Evan Rachel Wood, Devery Jacobs.		Movie							
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59	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News 8p (N)		News (N)		Patriots	48 Hours	Flip Side (N)	Flip Side (N)	Big Bang	Housewife	Housewife	Person (N)						
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62	WPXI	Sports (N)	Big Bang	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	The Conners	PIX11 News at Ten (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Two Half Men	Big Bang	Young Sheldon						
63	STARZ1W	(20) 🌟🌟🌟 Rio ('11) Voices of Jesse Eisenberg, Anne Hathaway.			🌟🌟🌟 Hairspray ('07) Nikki Blonsky, John Travolta.			🌟🌟🌟 21 Jump Street ('12) Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill.			(55) Spartacus		(50) Heels								
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184	AP	Animal Cops: Houston			North Woods Law			Lone Star Law			Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet			The Vet Life			Lone Star Law			North Woods Law	
28	BBCW	Newsday	Business	Newsday	Business	BBC News		Business	BBC News	The Medi	BBC News	HARDtalk	BBC News	Business	BBC News	Business	BBC News	Business			
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163	CNBC	Squawk Box Asia (N) Live			Street Signs Asia			Capital Connection (N) Live			Squawk Box Europe (N) Live			The Golf Fix			The Golf Fix				
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THE PICTURE EMERGING OF THE MAN SUSPECTED OF A SECOND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON DONALD TRUMP ON SUNDAY REVEALS A MAN WITH A CRIMINAL PAST, PLENTY OF OUTRAGE AND SHIFTING POLITICS. [PAGE NP3](#)

INQUIRY  
WON'T OUT  
MPs WHO  
MEDDLED

NSICOP PROBE

Those under  
suspicion won't  
be made aware

**JIM BRONSKILL**

OTTAWA • The head of a federal inquiry into foreign interference says she will not be publicly identifying parliamentarians suspected by a spy watchdog of meddling in Canadian affairs.

The National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians raised eyebrows earlier this year with a public version of a secret report that said some parliamentarians were “semi-witting or witting” participants in the efforts of foreign states to meddle in Canadian politics.

Although the NSICOP report didn't name individuals, the blunt findings prompted a flurry of concern that members knowingly involved in interference might still be active in politics.

As inquiry hearings resumed Monday, commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue cautioned that the NSICOP report's allegations are based on classified information, which means the inquiry can neither make them public, nor even disclose them to the people in question.

As a result, the commission of inquiry won't be able to provide the individuals with a meaningful opportunity to defend themselves, she said.

“Canada is a state governed by the rule of law, which recognizes and protects the fundamental rights of every individual, including the right to fully defend oneself against charges and accusations,” Hogue said.

Procedural fairness entrenches a similar principle, she said.

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Former vice-admiral Haydn Edmundson arrives at the courthouse in Ottawa on Monday, where he was acquitted of sex assault charges.

Ex-vice admiral not  
guilty of sex assault

SARAH RITCHIE  
AND ALESSIA PASSAFIUME  
in Ottawa

An Ottawa judge has found former vice-admiral Haydn Edmundson not guilty of sexual assault and committing an indecent act more than 30 years ago.

Ontario Court of Justice Matthew Webber read his entire decision to the court Monday, concluding that the Crown did not meet the standard of proving its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

Webber cited concerns with the complainant's memory of what happened and a lack of evidence to corroborate her account.

“There are just too many problems, and I'm not in the business of ... declaring what happened. That's not my

JUDGE CITES  
LACK OF EVIDENCE,  
MEMORY  
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IN FINDING CASE  
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job, you know, my job is to just decide whether or not guilt has been proven to the requisite standard, and it hasn't,” the judge said.

Edmundson was head of the mil-

itary's personnel in 2021 when he was accused of assaulting another member of the navy during a 1991 deployment.

The complainant, Stephanie Viau, testified during the trial that she was 19 years old and in the navy's lowest rank at the time of the alleged assault, while Edmundson was an older officer.

A publication ban on her identity was lifted by the court at Viau's request.

Edmundson, who pleaded not guilty and testified that he never had sexual contact with Viau, shook his lawyer's hand after the verdict was announced.

A small group of his supporters gasped when the verdict was read.

Outside court, defence lawyer Brian Greenspan said his client was gratified by the “clear, decisive vindication of his steadfast position that he was not guilty of these false accusations.”

See [EDMUNDSON](#) on NP2

Changes to mortgage rules aim to boost housing builds, help new buyers

**RYAN TUMILTY**

OTTAWA • Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland announced Monday that Canadians will be able to borrow for longer, while also increasing the maximum value for insured mortgages, potentially giving buyers more money in the housing market.

Freeland announced that starting on Dec. 15, the cap for insured mortgages will

rise to \$1.5 million from the \$1-million cap today. This would allow buyers to qualify for larger mortgages without putting 20 per cent down.

On the same day, the government is also expanding the availability of 30-year mortgages. In the spring budget, the government expanded the eligibility of those long-term mortgages to new buyers who were pur-

chasing new builds.

But now the 30-year availability will apply to both new buyers and people buying new construction homes.

Freeland said the changes will put more buying power into the hands of first-time home buyers and give them an advantage in the market.

“We also spoke to a lot of economists. We spoke to a lot of housing specialists. We spoke to a lot of people

in the financial sector. And really what this is all about is putting the dream of home ownership in reach for younger Canadians, giving first-time home buyers a leg up in the housing market,” she said.

The government has pledged to build four million homes by the end of the decade, but housing starts have not happened at a pace that would reach that target.

Freeland said offering loos-

er mortgage terms is about encouraging builders to get more shovels in the ground.

“Canada needs to get more homes built faster. In order to get those homes built faster, more people need to be buying them,” she said.

She said the \$1-million cap on insured mortgages was set in 2012 and GDP has risen 65 per cent since then, making it a dated measure.

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Chrystia Freeland



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Classified  
version of  
final report  
to address  
allegations

INQUIRY  
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In addition, the Inquiries Act expressly prohibits the commission from making an adverse finding against a person — in other words, a conclusion that will bring discredit on that person or tarnish their reputation — unless the person has been given notice and allowed full opportunity to be heard with respect to the claims, Hogue said.

However, she added, the commission plans to address the NSICOP allegations and make recommendations in the classified version of the inquiry's final report.

"As required by its terms of reference, the commission will carry out its duties in such a way as not to jeopardize any other investigation or proceeding, whether ongoing or forthcoming."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and key government officials took part in the commission's initial fact-finding hearings last spring on allegations of foreign interference in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections.

Hogue's interim report,

“THE COMMISSION WILL CARRY OUT ITS DUTIES IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE ANY OTHER INVESTIGATION.”

released in early May, said foreign meddling by China did not affect the overall results of the two general elections.

The report said while outcomes in a small number of ridings may have been affected by interference, this cannot be said with certainty.

In the second part of the commission's factual phase, the public hearings will focus on the capacity of federal agencies to detect, deter and counter foreign meddling.

The hearings, scheduled to continue through Oct. 16, will be somewhat broad in scope, examining democratic institutions and the experiences of diaspora communities.

Trudeau, members of his inner circle and senior security officials are slated to return to the inquiry.

Beginning Oct. 21, the commission will then hold a week of policy consultations, including a series of roundtable discussions featuring experts, to help Hogue develop recommendations.

Her final report is due by the end of the year.

The Canadian Press



ADRIAN WYLD / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue delivers her opening remarks as the Foreign Interference commission begins fall hearings on Monday.

Conflicting  
evidence of  
wake-up calls

EDMUNDSON  
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During the trial, Viau testified that one of her responsibilities on board the ship was to wake officers for night watch and other overnight duties, and that she woke Edmundson regularly during that 1991 deployment.

The court has heard conflicting evidence about the wake-up calls.

Viau estimated that she woke Edmundson every second or third night, and she told the court that his behaviour became progressively worse during the deployment. She testified that he started sleeping naked and that one night she found him completely exposed on top of the sheets.

Viau said she “went berserk,” yelling at him and turning on the lights to wake the other officer sleeping in the top bunk.

That incident was the basis for the indecent act charge.

Webber said he did not believe that Viau could have caused such a disruption on board a navy ship at night without notice from others.

“I conclude that (Viau's) overall evidence on the allegation that Mr. Edmundson did progressively expose himself to her as being far too compromised to approach proof of those allegations that she has made,” he said in his decision.

Viau alleged that the sexual assault happened a couple of days after her yelling at Edmundson.

She testified at trial that he stopped her in the corridor and called her into his sleeping quarters to talk. Viau said Edmundson kept her from leaving the room, and he sexually assaulted her.

When Edmundson took the stand in his own defence he denied having physical or sexual contact with Viau.

During his testimony, Edmundson also said Viau did not wake him regularly during that deployment because his role as the ship's navigator kept him on mostly day shifts.

Greenspan took aim at the Crown's corroborating witness during cross-examination. The woman, whose name is protected by a court-ordered publication ban, was a friend of Viau's on the ship.

She testified that she remembered the evening of the assault because she and Viau had been getting ready for a night out during a port visit, and she misplaced her reading glasses. She said Viau offered to go fetch them from another part of the ship but never came back, and that she went looking for her friend.

On cross-examination, the woman explained that she had told all of this to a CBC reporter in early 2021.

Greenspan produced a transcript of that interview that he said suggests the reporter told her key details of Viau's story before asking her any questions.

Greenspan argued the reporter provided information to the witness and she wouldn't have been able to corroborate the story otherwise.

In his decision, Webber said the woman's evidence “cannot be relied upon in any respect to corroborate that evidence of the complainant, because it's clearly a tainted recollection, doesn't represent a real memory.”

Edmundson was one of several senior military leaders accused of sexual misconduct in early 2021.

He stepped down from his position as head of military personnel after the accusation against him was made public in 2021. The charges were laid months later, in December 2021.

Edmundson testified that in February 2022, he was directed by the chief of the defence staff to retire from the Armed Forces.

The crisis led to an external review by former Supreme Court justice Louise Arbour in May 2022, whose report called for sweeping changes to reform the toxic culture of the Armed Forces.

The military's new defence chief, Gen. Jennie Carignan, was promoted to the newly created role of chief of professional conduct and culture in an effort to enact the reforms in the Arbour report.

Outside court, Edmundson declined to comment on whether he was considering legal action against the government or the military.

The Canadian Press

Canada giving Ukraine  
10,000 WWII-era pistols,  
970 C6 machine guns

Firearms labelled  
surplus or slated  
to be destroyed

DAVID PUGLIESE

Second World War-era handguns that had been earmarked for destruction by the Canadian Armed Forces will instead be sent to Ukraine.

In April, the Ottawa Citizen reported that the original plan was to destroy 11,000 of the Browning Hi-Power pistols. But now 10,500 of the 9-mm pistols will be shipped to Ukraine.

Delivery of the handguns is expected to start in December, National Defence spokeswoman Andrée-Anne Poulin confirmed.

The Canadian Forces pulled the Browning Hi-Powers from service after receiving new modern handguns. It was having trouble keeping the Second World War pistols in service because of a lack of parts and concerns they were no longer functioning properly.

Defence Minister Bill Blair also announced on Sept. 6 that Canada planned to send 970 C6 machine guns to Ukraine to help it in its war against Russian invaders.

“These come from a stockpile of C6 legacy guns (approximately 1,500 units) — and it was decided that they would be either repurposed for drill and classroom training or declared surplus,” Poulin explained in an email. “A number of them are still serviceable and thus available for donation to Ukraine.”

The Canadian military is in the process of receiving 4,774 new C6 machine guns, she noted.

Since February 2022, Canada has committed more than \$19.5 billion in total assistance to Ukraine, including \$4.5 billion in mil-

itary equipment, according to the federal government. This includes Leopard 2 main battle tanks, armoured combat support vehicles, anti-tank weapons, small arms, M777 howitzers and associated ammunition, as well as high-resolution drones.

Previously, National Defence spokeswoman Cheryl Forrest said all military units would send their Browning handguns to Canadian Armed Forces supply depots in Quebec and Alberta for disposal by the end of the year. A small number would be kept for military museums.

The military began using the Browning Hi-Power during the Second World War and only took the guns out of service several years ago when it started receiving the new Sig Sauer P320 pistol.

The replacement program for the Brownings was stalled for years after small arms firms rejected in 2011 the federal government requirement that the new guns be built at Colt Canada in Kitchener, Ont.

The companies also balked at a stipulation that they had to turn over proprietary firearms information to Colt, a firm some saw as a

competitor.

Blair's announcement also noted that in response to a specific request from Ukraine, Canada was donating decommissioned chassis from 29 M113s and 64 Coyote light armoured vehicles, formerly used by the Canadian Forces. These surplus vehicles, no longer operational, will be repurposed or used for spare parts by Ukraine.

Canada will also donate and transport 80,840 additional CRV-7 rocket motors and 1,300 warheads to Ukraine. This follows Canada's initial delivery of 2,160 CRV-7 rocket motors. The additional motors are being prepared for shipment to Poland and will arrive in the coming months. The decommissioned rockets were previously used by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Blair also pointed out that Ukraine's military is now being trained on the Teledyne Skyraider drones that Canada had donated.

Poulin said that Canadian military personnel are not involved in that training. That is being conducted by Teledyne employees, she added.

Postmedia News



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Canadian Forces Browning Hi-Power pistols that were earmarked for destruction will now be sent to Ukraine.



AFGHANISTAN

TALIBAN SUSPEND POLIO VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

The Taliban have suspended polio vaccination campaigns in Afghanistan, the UN said Monday. News of the suspension was relayed to UN agencies right before the September immun-

ization campaign was to start. No reason was given, and no one from the Taliban-controlled government was immediately available for comment. A top official from the World Health

Organization said it was aware of discussions to move away from house-to-house vaccinations and instead have immunizations in places like mosques. The WHO has confirmed 18 polio cases in Afghanistan this year. That's up from six cases in 2023. Afghanistan is one of two countries in which the spread of the potentially fatal, paralyzing disease has never been stopped. The other is Pakistan. *The Associated Press*

Pastor freed from jail in China after 20 years

Back in U.S. after decades of negotiations

WASHINGTON • A Christian pastor from California has been freed after nearly 20 years behind bars in China and is back home in the U.S., the U.S. State Department said Monday.

David Lin, 68, was detained after he entered China in 2006, later convicted of contract fraud and sentenced to life in prison, according to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and advocacy groups.

"Praise God! We got the call late last night!!! Dad is free and over Alaska now," the pastor's daughter, Alice Lin, texted Bob Fu, a long-time supporter on Sunday before she was to unite with her father, according to the screenshot Fu shared with the AP.

"God did it!!!" the daughter texted.

The U.S. has been working on Lin's case and the others for years and raised them at every meeting with senior Chinese officials, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken's recent meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Laos.

Lin frequently travelled to China in the 1990s to spread the gospel, according to China Aid, a U.S.-based advocacy group founded by Fu for persecuted activists in China. The group said Lin sought a licence from the Chinese government to carry out Christian ministry. It's unlikely he was granted permission, and he was detained in 2006 when assisting a house church, China Aid said.

Lin was arrested in 2009 on suspicion of contract fraud and, after a court review, was sentenced to life in prison, China Aid said.

The charge is frequently used against leaders in the house church movement, which operates outside state-sponsored faith groups, and is a crime that Lin denied, according to the Dui Hua Foundation, a humanitarian group that advocates for prisoners in China.

The commission on religious freedom says "those who participate in and lead house churches often face intimidation, harassment, arrest and harsh sentences."

In China, all Christian churches must pledge loyalty to the ruling Communist Party and register with the government.

Any unregistered church is considered an underground church, and its activities are considered unlawful in China. Beijing has always cracked down on "unlawful preaching," and efforts have only intensified in the past decade.

Lin's sentence had been reduced and he had been due for release in April 2030. The commission on religious freedom noted in 2019 that there were reports Lin was in declining health and faced possible threats to his safety in prison.

The Chinese foreign ministry didn't immediately respond to requests for comment about Lin's release.

*The Associated Press*



AFF PHOTO / MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

An image released by police on Monday shows Ryan Wesley Routh following his arrest on Sunday. Routh is suspected of an apparent attempt to assassinate Donald Trump while he was golfing at his West Palm Beach golf course.

MAN CHARGED IN SUSPECTED ATTEMPT ON TRUMP'S LIFE

Stalked Trump with assault-style rifle, FBI says

MICHAEL BIESECKER, AUDREY MCAVOY, BERNARD CONDON AND MICHAEL R. SISAK

KAAAWA, HAWAII • Ryan Wesley Routh portrayed himself online as a man who built housing for homeless people in Hawaii, tried to recruit fighters for Ukraine to defend itself against Russia, and described his support and then disdain for Donald Trump — even urging Iran to kill him.

"You are free to assassinate Trump," Routh wrote of Iran in an apparently self-published book in 2023, "Ukraine's Unwinnable War," which described the former president as a "fool" and "buffoon" for both the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot and the "tremendous blunder" of leaving the Iran nuclear deal.

Routh wrote that he once voted for Trump and must take part of the blame for the "child that we elected for our next president that ended up being brainless."

Routh, 58, was arrested Sunday and charged with federal gun crimes Monday after authorities say he stalked the GOP presidential nominee as he golfed in West Palm Beach, Fla., with an assault-style rifle in an

apparent assassination attempt.

Cellphone records show that Routh was near the golf course for about 12 hours before, according to court documents unsealed Monday. Officials said in the documents that Routh's cellphone was shown near the tree line at Trump's golf course from 1:59 a.m. until 1:31 p.m. on Sunday. A Secret Service agent shot at Routh after spotting his rifle. Routh fled in an SUV and was arrested in a neighbouring county.

Trump on Monday blamed President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris for inspiring the second apparent attempt on his life, deriding their criticism of him as a threat to democracy.

"Their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at, when I am

in which a bullet grazed his ear. That gunman was shot dead.

Then, Trump called for national unity, saying "it is more important than ever that we stand United." A few days later, though, he returned to his usual commentary where he sharply criticizes Democrats.

The picture emerging of his second suspected would-be assassin reveals a man with a criminal past, plenty of outrage and shifting politics.

Routh's over 500 posts on X showed his views ranging from the left to the right, including support for politicians such as Bernie Sanders, Tulsi Gabbard and Nikki Haley, as well as Trump.

Voter records show he registered as an unaffiliated voter in North Carolina in 2012, most recently voting

then-President Trump could win re-election by issuing an executive order to prosecute police misconduct. However, in recent years, his posts appear to have soured on Trump, and he expressed support for Biden and Harris.

"DEMOCRACY is on the ballot and we cannot lose," he wrote on X in April in support of Biden.

In July, following the assassination attempt on Trump in Pennsylvania, a post on Routh's account urged Biden and Harris to visit those wounded in the shooting and attend the funeral of the firefighter who was killed.

"Trump will never do anything for them," Routh wrote. "Show the world what compassion and humanity is all about."

In his book, listed on Amazon, Routh noted: "I get so tired of people asking me if I am a Democrat or Republican as I refuse to be put in a category."

The world would be better if it were run by women, he wrote in the book that has links to his website and X account, because "it seems that the totality of the world's problems revolve around men with massive insecurity and childlike intelligence and behavior."

He posted frequently on social media about Ukraine and other conflicts, and had a website seeking to raise money and recruit volunteers to fight for Kyiv.

*The Associated Press*

WORLD

NIGERIA

281 ESCAPE JAIL AFTER FLOODS TOPPLE WALLS

ABUJA, NIGERIA Nigerian authorities said 281 inmates escaped after devastating floods from unusually high rains brought down a prison's walls in the country's northeast.

A major dam collapsed on Sept. 10, unleashing severe flooding that left 30 dead and over a million displaced, and prompted evacuations across the state of Borno.

Officers attempted to evacuate the city of Maiduguri's main prison last week when they found out that the prisoners had escaped, said Umar Abubakar, spokesperson for the Nigeria Correctional Services.

Security personnel were able to recapture seven of the inmates and an operation is still ongoing to locate the rest, he said.

*The Associated Press*

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EX-BBC ANCHOR SPARED JAIL FOR CHILD SEX IMAGES

LONDON Former BBC news anchor Huw Edwards, once one of the most prominent media figures in Britain, was given a suspended prison sentence Monday for images of child sexual abuse on his phone.

Edwards, 63, pleaded guilty in July to three counts of making indecent images of children, a charge related to photos sent to him on WhatsApp messaging by a man convicted of distributing images of child sex abuse.

Chief Magistrate Paul Goldspring sentenced Edwards to a six-month jail term suspended for two years. He will be listed on a sex offenders register for seven years. "It is not an exaggeration to say your long-earned reputation is in tatters," Goldspring said.

*The Associated Press*

U.S. HEARING

'ALL GOOD HERE': FINAL WORDS FROM TITAN SUB

Among the last words heard from the crew of an experimental submersible headed for the wreck of the Titanic were "all good here," according to a visual re-creation of the 2023 journey of the Titan before it imploded, killing all five on board.

The U.S. Coast Guard presented the animation Monday on the first day of a hearing on the causes of the implosion. Crew aboard the Titan were communicating via text message with staff aboard a support ship.

The crew lost contact after an exchange of texts about the submersible's depth and weight as it descended. One of Titan's final responses, which became spotty as it descended, was "all good here." The Titan imploded on June 18, 2023.

*The Associated Press*

THEIR RHETORIC IS CAUSING ME TO BE SHOT AT ...

the one who is going to save the country and they are the ones that are destroying the country — both from the inside and out," Trump said in comments to Fox News Digital.

The Republican former president's statements are a sharp departure from how he reacted after an assassination attempt in July during a rally in Butler, Penn.,

during the state's Democratic primary in March.

Routh also made 19 small donations totalling \$140 since 2019 to ActBlue, a political action committee that supports Democratic candidates, according to federal campaign finance records.

In a tweet in June 2020 after the police killing of George Floyd, Routh said



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TEEN GETS PROBATION  
IN SWARMING DEATH  
OF HOMELESS MAN



John Spencer is chairperson of urban warfare studies at the Modern War Institute at West Point. A 25-year veteran of the U.S. army, Spencer has been on fact-finding missions in Gaza three times since last December.

MIDDLE EAST

LIBERALS FALLING  
FOR HAMAS'S 'LIES,'  
U.S. SOLDIER SAYS

DAVE GORDON

John Spencer, the world's foremost expert on urban warfare, has choice words for the federal government: "Do your homework."

At a lecture at a Toronto synagogue late last week, he said the federal Liberals "believe lies" coming from Hamas, and "base their policies on them," including withholding weapons from Israel needed to fight the group. (Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly announced on Sept. 10 that Canada suspended about 30 permits for arms shipments.)

A 25-year veteran of the U.S. army, Spencer has been on fact-finding missions in Gaza three times since December, where he was embedded with the Israel Defense Forces.

He claimed that "you have national leaders just repeating the talking points of Hamas," including their casualty numbers, and the Al-Ahli Arab Hospital bombing in Gaza City on Oct. 17, 2023, that turned out to be an errant rocket from Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

Contrary to the reports coming from Hamas — believed by NGOs and many world leaders — Israel is not exercising disproportionate or excessive force, and takes "every step possible" to avoid civilian casualties, he said.

Israel's enemy is doing the reverse: "That's called human sacrifice, not human shields, when Hamas wants its entire population getting in the way of battle."

When asked by moderator Amir Epstein, director of Tafsik, whether there was a genocide in Gaza, Spencer's simple answer was no.

The International Court of Justice, which called on Israel to "take all measures" to prevent a genocide of the Palestinians, "did not make a ruling to tell Israel, in the meantime, stop the operation," Spencer said. The UN's definition of genocide, he continued, includes a list of specific criteria — including intent to systematically erase a culture, identity, nationality and people — of

which Israel is not guilty. This is clear to him, everywhere from the aid flowing in, "a flood of vaccinations" and Israel "doing everything it can to avoid innocent casualties," he said.

The Associated Press has reported that Israel's offensive after the October 7 attack has killed more than 40,000 Palestinians, according to Gaza's Health Ministry, which does not distinguish between civilians and combatants in its count. The war has caused widespread destruction and forced the vast majority of Gaza's 2.3 million residents to flee their homes, AP reports.

THE JEWISH STATE WAS  
'NOT ALLOWED TO WIN WARS.'

South Africa last year accused Israel at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands, of violating its obligations under the Genocide Convention. Israel has strongly rejected the claim and has argued that the war in Gaza is a legitimate defence against Hamas for the attack that killed around 1,200 people and took 250 hostages.

Spencer served two tours in Iraq, advised four-star generals and Pentagon officials, and serves as a colonel in the California State Guard as director of urban warfare training. He is also chair of urban warfare studies at the Modern War Institute at West Point.

It is his belief that "international pressure had caused Israel to slow down" the counteroffensive, similar to past campaigns in Gaza, where the Jewish State was "not allowed to win wars."

But once Hamas is defeated, the next step is deradicalization, and that could involve "a decades-long" process. "But it cannot start until you get the radicalizer out."

One of those purges should be United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA), which to his mind is anti-Israel. "There

The first teenager to be sentenced in the death of a Toronto homeless man will not face more time in jail. The girl — who pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was 13 at the time of the 2022 attack on Kenneth Lee — was credited for 15 months of pretrial custody and will serve another 15 months of probation. Justice David Stewart Rose said Monday the sentence reflects that the teen has taken accountability for her actions, that community interventions appear to be working and that she experienced institutional malfeasance while in custody.

is enough data" to show how the NGO and Hamas have a symbiotic relationship. "You can't have someone working in Gaza without Hamas accepting it," he said, also stating that UNRWA schoolbooks preach incitement against Jews.

With the discovery of Hamas tunnels beneath UNRWA facilities, including a substantive data centre, "that alone — UNRWA has to justify it. Explain how a number of employees were involved in October 7. Explain the number of UNRWA facilities where Hamas has turned into military headquarters."

"That they refuse to answer any of those questions" would be enough to necessitate putting funding "on hold until we conduct an investigation." It should be enough for Canada to insist "where's the money going?" rather than reinstating the \$25-million handout, as it did on March 8.

Hamas has been clear about what it wants, and what it doesn't want — in addition to what they've been silent about, he said.

"They've never said that they want the release of all the (Palestinian) prisoners in Israel, and that means they'll turn a new leaf. They've never said that they want a two-state solution. They've never said that they want self-determination or they want human rights or they want equality. They've never said that. The only thing they've ever said is 'we want the destruction of Israel and the death of Jews around the world.'"

The Philadelphi corridor, at the Egypt border in Rafah, is important for Israel to hold, to cut off Hamas's supply passage. Hamas "loved the fact that the world has said, 'Just leave Rafah.' They'll do anything for that, because that's their oxygen. That's their hope to survive the war," he said. "That's all

they have to do, hold hostages and survive the war. They win by military definition."

The world was silent, he said, when 50,000 Palestinians living on the Egyptian side of Rafah were "mass displaced" in 2017. "Nobody cared," he said, even when Egypt "destroyed most of their buildings."

Hamas's tons of weapons are well-known to have been smuggled in to Gaza, but tracing the sequence of the transaction proves elusive, he told National Post. He saw captured artillery from unsurprising sources — Russia, China, North Korea, Iran — but also unexpectedly saw the sophistication of weapons-making facilities discovered by the IDF.

"That was a bigger surprise. How did Hamas create a rocket-manufacturing capability underground with the chemicals, the lathes. That's more, for me, as a researcher, more impactful than the different countries of weapons that they found there," said Spencer, who has for a decade researched military operations in dense urban areas and subterranean warfare.

Ordinary militant tunnels are cruel environments; the ones Hamas uses for hostages are even more cruel, he said.

"It's foreign to the human body to be in that environment. There are soldiers that go into it within minutes, if not hours, they get claustrophobia, vertigo, lose sense of time. They pass out. They can't breathe the air. There's so many contaminants," he said. Hostages were kept in places where they could not stand, and had to relieve themselves where they were held.

"It is so inhumane, which I personally would think there are some international groups whose responsibility is to check on them," a possible reference to the Red Cross, which has been criticized by Israel for not following its mandate.

"Even the Hamas guidebook to tunnels that recently was discovered, talks about how you have to rotate forces. It starts to deteriorate your health."

Special to National Post

He said the teen was forced to strip naked during searches a total of seven times. She was also taken to a remote detention facility far from family, and institutional staff didn't always take her to court when necessary, he said. "Further custodial sentence is not necessary to meet the need of accountability," Rose said, adding that the teen is at the lower end of the range when it comes to the likelihood to reoffend violently. Police allege that Lee, 59, died after he was swarmed and stabbed by a group of girls. *The Canadian Press*

U of T's former  
dean of medicine  
returns degree

'DISAPPOINTED'  
Cites university's  
handling of  
anti-Israel camp

JOSEPH BREAN

A former medical school dean at the University of Toronto has returned his honorary degree in protest at its handling of the anti-Israel protest encampment.

"It's symbolic. To me it's a mark of great distinction. I was very proud to get the honorary degree. The fact I'm willing to give it back to signify my discomfort with the university indicates how much my discomfort is," said Arnold Aberman, a professor emeritus and former dean of the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine, in an interview Monday.

He said he was "profoundly disappointed" that there was no clear statement from the administration that "what's going on is unacceptable."

In particular, he pointed to the enforced exclusion of "Zionists" from the encampment on the school's central lawn, a term Aberman said seemed to simply mean "Jews."

"You saw the signs, anti-Zionist signs, denying entry," he said. "There's no right to stop people."

When the school obtained a legal injunction against the protest after several weeks, and the encampment broke up in advance of a court-ordered deadline, Aberman said it was "too late."

"It's never too late to do the right thing," he said. "I think they should have done it earlier."

Aberman received his honorary Doctor of Laws in the summer of 2015, in recognition of outstanding service to the university.

Born in Montreal, he trained there and in California before becoming an intensivist and later physician-in-chief at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital.

He served as dean of the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine, and in the administration promoting relations with health-care institutions.

He was also a key creator of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Univer-

sity in Sudbury.

His Order of Canada citation says he "contributed to the advancement of medicine for more than 30 years."

Aberman's letter this week to U of T President Meric Gertler criticized the "failure of the school to protect its Jewish and non-Jewish students."

"The participation of many faculty members in the encampment in defiance of university policy coupled with the lack of consequences has been, in my view, shameful," he wrote. "I am profoundly disappointed in my university."

"I no longer wish to have the distinction of holding a University of Toronto honorary degree," Aberman wrote.

He said Gertler replied to set up a meeting to discuss the matter, which has not yet taken place.

"I do not take this action lightly since I know that since the first honorary degree was granted by the University of Toronto in 1850, an honorary degree granted by it has never been returned," Aberman's letter reads.

THE FACT I'M  
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HOW MUCH MY  
DISCOMFORT  
IS.

He said his understanding that he is the only person ever to return an honorary degree is based on his review of the school's documentation of past degrees.

The school did not immediately have a comment on his returning the degree.

Aberman said he was moved by a recently published online list of students and faculty identified at the encampment protest by an activist group.

"I consider them antisemites," he said.

National Post



Former governor general David Johnston, right, awarded the Order of Canada to Arnold Aberman in 2011.



Obituaries

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Obituaries

GEIER, Edna Lilly  
Jun 10, 1929 - Sep 12, 2024

Edna Geier of Calgary, AB, passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the age of 95 years. Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Edna's family at [www.MHFH.com](http://www.MHFH.com).



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KOSTYSHYN, Dawn Louise  
May 26, 1964 - Sep 4, 2024

With very sad hearts we announce the passing of Dawn Louise Kostyshyn. Survived by her husband Paul Cormier; mother, Mercie Kostyshyn; sisters Karen Greggain (Jeff); Brenda McGimpsey (Ron); nephews, Zach and Rob and predeceased by her father Morris Kostyshyn. Dawn will be lovingly missed by her family and friends. Please donate to the Canadian Cancer Society in lieu of flowers. Funeral services to be held in Winnipeg Manitoba at a future date. Photos, memories and condolences may be shared with Dawn's family through [www.evanjstrong.com](http://www.evanjstrong.com).



KRAMER, Jack Vernon  
Apr 10, 1962 - Aug 9, 2024

Jack Kramer passed away on Friday, August 9, 2024 at the age of 62 years. A Graveside Service will be held for Jack at Coaldale Community Cemetery (Coaldale, AB) on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 11:30 am.



ROUSTAN, Gloria (nee Wojcichowsky)  
Sep 25, 1941 - Aug 23, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Gloria Roustan (Baba to her grandchildren) in her home in Calgary on Friday, August 23, 2024. Baba is survived by her children Nadine (Rod), Andy (Julia) and Nancy (Kevin); her grandchildren Tanner (Kenzie), Mikaela, Danica, Darci, Audrey and Gabriel and by her great-granddaughter Charlie May. She is also survived by her sister Mary Ann (the late Mike), brother Rt. Rev. Fr. Stephen (Maria) and numerous nieces and nephews. Gloria was predeceased by her parents Nicholas and Annie, by Rene, her children's father, by her sister Elizabeth (the late Walter), by sister in law Helen, by brothers in law Paul (the late Joy) and Walter (the late Ivy and the late Maureen). Gloria was born and raised in Montreal, graduating from St. Joseph's Teachers College. She taught in Montreal before having and raising her children, later moving to Calgary with her family. Here she held several positions in the Catholic School System, at St. Vincent de Paul and more recently at St. Monica, until her retirement. Mom's thoughtful actions and prioritizing family were what made her so special. Baba loved her crossword puzzles or playing cards and other games. She almost never missed watching her grandkids play sports or perform in dance recitals. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation or to the charity of your choice. A Funeral Service and celebration of Baba's life will be held at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church (541 Silvergrove Dr. NW) on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Photos, memories and condolences may be shared with Gloria's family through [www.evanjstrong.com](http://www.evanjstrong.com).

*"True love stories never have endings."*  
- Richard Bach



TANNER, Richard James (Dick)  
Nov 4, 1930 - Jul 12, 2024

Richard Tanner passed away on July 12, 2024, at age 93. Dick was born November 4, 1930, to James and Ethel Tanner. He grew up on the family farm with his two sisters near Langdon. He took over the farm from Jim in 1963 and operated it until the early 2000's when it was transitioned to son David. Tanner Farm celebrated its Centenary in 2018 and continues with the fifth generation.

Dick's passion was baseball and he competed in community leagues. It was at a game in 1953 where Dick met his future bride, Betty Winters. They wed a few years later and celebrated 69 years together in early 2024.

Dick and Betty enjoyed traveling with friends and relatives to warm climes, including Mexico and Hawaii, and to Scottsdale for Cactus League Baseball.

Dick was a devout Anglican. His faith was paramount in guiding and counseling him throughout life. He served as Warden at St. John's Anglican Church and later, he was a member of Grace Anglican Church.

Dick is survived by his wife, Betty; children David (Rayanna), Hugh (Cheryl), and Terri (Conrad); 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and special friend Carmelle O'Shea. He was predeceased by his parents James and Ethel Tanner, and sisters Doris Anderson and Marjorie Acton.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Richard Tanner on Friday, September 20, 2:00 p.m. at Indus Recreation Centre. Please consider making a donation to Langdon Volunteer Firefighters Association.

The family would like to express its appreciation to Dr. Tran and Unit 32 at the Red Deer Hospital for making Dick comfortable during his final weeks.

In Memoriams



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Bloc Québécois Leader Yves-François Blanchet says his party is focused on ensuring all seniors older than 65 have access to an Old Age Security pension.

# RETURN OF AN UNHAPPY HOUSE

CATHERINE LÉVESQUE

## Name-calling, rhetoric and a game of chicken

OTTAWA • Federal MPs were talking tough on the first day back in the House of Commons after the summer recess, as they gear up for what one party leader called a game of chicken to bring down the government and force an early election.

Government House leader Karina Gould fired the first shots on Monday morning when she called Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre a "fraudster" for suggesting that Canadians will go hungry and be unable to heat their homes this winter because of the carbon tax.

"When he is focused on having an election on the carbon price, what he's trying to do is distract Canadians from his real agenda," she said.

Gould accused Poilievre, among other things, of wanting to raise the age of retirement, cut pensions and remove access to dental care for seniors, and to get rid of \$10 a day daycare and scrap the national school food program for families.

"Our job is to be up front and honest with Canadians. It's to make sure that we are holding him to account to ensure that he faces the proper scrutiny because as Canadians get closer and closer to an election, he has to answer those tough questions," she added.

Liberals have ramped up their rhetoric against their political opponents since their national caucus.

Last week, in an interview with a Montreal radio station, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called Poilievre a "liar" in response to claims he made about the carbon tax.

"There's a convention around parliamentarians that we're not supposed to call each other liars. Pierre Poilievre is a liar," Trudeau said.

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh told reporters that he knew that an early election would be more likely after he ripped up his party's supply-and-confidence agreement with the Liberals. Under the deal, New Democrats agreed to vote with the minority Liberals to keep them in power in exchange for the government introducing dental care and pharmacare.

Poilievre has already promised to bring a confidence motion at the earliest opportunity to call the NDP's bluff and force Singh to vote with the Liberals. But this opens a door for the Bloc Québécois to negotiate with the Liberals and vote to keep them in power on their terms.

Bloc Leader Yves-François Blanchet said on Monday his party would have a small window of opportunity to make gains before the next election, which must be held by next fall. One of the areas his party is focused on is making sure all seniors older



Jagmeet Singh

than 65 have access to an Old Age Security pension.

Asked how he would navigate this new political situation, Blanchet said his party will need a "very good compass" because all four main political parties will be playing the "chicken game" and, as a result, he said he does not think that "this session will last a very long time."

"We are playing chicken with four cars. Eventually, one will hit another one and there will be wreckage," he said.

Green Leader Elizabeth May used her first news conference of the session to take shots at Singh for his change of heart about the carbon tax.

While she said she does not agree with Poilievre's use of "nasty nicknames" such as "Sellout Singh," May came up with a new name for the NDP: the "No Discernible Principles" party. She also said Singh should be "ashamed" for no longer supporting a price on carbon for consumers.

"It's fine for Jagmeet Singh to say that he doesn't listen to Pierre Poilievre, but Pierre Poilievre's words come out of Jagmeet Singh's mouth," she said.

Singh said that is "not at all" the case. "Pierre Poilievre wants to have an open season for big polluters. He wants to let big polluters pollute as much as they want, with no limits and no consequences. That's his plan. We reject that approach," he said.

Singh also rejected the idea that the next election would be about the carbon tax — and said it should be a choice on the vision for Canada between Conservatives who cut services and the NDP who strengthen programs.

Trudeau said in a radio interview last week he knows Singh cares about the environment but does not have the "foggiest idea" of how to fight climate change.

Regardless of whether an election is imminent, the Bloc leader said his principles will not change. "If it's good for Quebec, we'll be in favour of it. If it's bad for Quebec, we will be against it. And nobody says that something that is good for Quebec is bad for Canada," he said.

Blanchet said he is not prepared to put too much water in his wine when negotiating with the Liberals because it "would not taste as good."

National Post  
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Canadian miner Lucara Diamond Corp. has recovered another mammoth diamond from a mine in Botswana, its second major find in a month. The latest gem weighed 1,094 carats and was found at the Karowe mine, the company said in a statement. While it's smaller than the 2,942 carat stone discovered at the same site in August, it is still roughly a third the size of the biggest ever found, the famous Cullinan Diamond of South Africa.



Lucara's Karowe project is famous for giant stones, and the company's shares surged by more than a third last month when the initial mammoth finding was announced. The latest discovery bears similarities to a smaller gem found last year, which yielded polished diamonds that sold for more than US\$13 million, the company said. It will be polished by HB Antwerp.

Bloomberg

## Home sales inched up in August, CREA reports

SERAH LOUIS

National home sales inched up 1.3 per cent in August, reaching their highest level since January, but are still lower than what they were last year, according to the latest data from the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA).

Home sales were down 2.1 per cent compared to August 2023 and experts say a significant resurgence in housing activity remains to be seen — at least until interest rates drop further.

"Despite some fledgling signs of life to kick off the long-awaited monetary policy easing cycle, Canadian housing market activity still looks to be stuck in the same holding pattern it's been in all year," CREA's senior economist Shaun Cathcart said in Monday's report.

"That said, with ever more friendly interest rates now all but guaranteed later this year and into 2025, it makes sense that prospective buyers might continue to hold off for improved affordability, especially since prices are still well behaved in most of the country."

The Bank of Canada has made three consecutive cuts to its policy interest rate, with a quarter-point cut to 4.25 per cent announced in September and more expected to follow.

"It's hard to pin exactly what rate level would wake the market up, since it will also depend on prevailing economic and job market conditions," Robert Kavcic, a senior economist at Bank of Montreal, said in a note. "But, if/when we see mortgage rates crack below 4 per cent, things could start to get more compelling from an affordability and investment perspective."

Phil Soper, chief executive of Royal LePage, said first-time buyers in particular are being rewarded for patience.

Soper explained that first-time homebuyers are more focused on their monthly carrying costs than the sticker price of the home — and currently, mortgage rates are falling while home prices are flat. Although prices typically fall with demand, Canada is grappling with a severe housing shortage, which is forming a floor under home prices.

The national average sale price (not seasonally adjusted) was almost unchanged at \$649,100 in August — a 0.1 per cent increase year over year, according to CREA data. Home prices across the Canadian MLS systems also remained level month-over-month but were down 3.9 per cent since last year.



Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem told a London audience the central bank is concerned about downside risks to the economy, despite the inflation rate dropping close to the BoC's target goals. TONY CALDWELL FILES

## BoC governor raises prospect of bigger, faster cuts to key rate

Labour market woes, falling oil prices are causes for concern, Macklem says

JOEL SUSS  
and CHRIS GILES

LONDON Bank of Canada governor Tiff Macklem has opened the door to accelerating the pace of interest rate cuts, signalling policy-makers could switch to jumbo 50-basis-point moves should growth disappoint.

The G7 economy grew by an annualized rate of 2.1 per cent during the second quarter, but concerns are mounting that falling oil prices, higher unemployment and lower levels of immigration could tip

Canada close to stagnation. Macklem said rate-setters were increasingly concerned about Canada's labour market and the possibility of lower prices for crude hitting the economy.

The Canadian central bank has led the way on interest rate reductions, cutting by a quarter-point in its three meetings since June to bring borrowing costs down to 4.25 per cent from a peak of five per cent.

With inflation at 2.5 per cent, now close to the bank's two per cent goal, Macklem said in London last week that there was now room to step up the pace of rate cuts.

"As you get closer to the (infla-

tion) target, your risk management calculus changes," he said. "You become more concerned about the downside risks. And the labour market is pointing to some downside risks."

Canadian unemployment reached 6.6 per cent in August, from a low of 4.8 per cent in 2022, a much faster increase than in the United States. American unemployment, by contrast, has risen only to 4.2 per cent from a pandemic-era low of 3.4 per cent.

The U.S. Federal Reserve is expected to cut interest rates for the first time in more than four years on Wednesday, from a 23-year-high range of between 5.25 and 5.5 per cent.

Canadian job vacancy and hiring rates have also fallen below their pre-pandemic norms, unlike those in the U.S.

The Bank of Canada still expects the economy to expand by two per cent in 2024 and by 2.1 per cent next year.

But if growth does not materialize as expected, "it could be appropriate to move faster (on) interest rates," Macklem said. He noted that there was currently "enough slack" in the (Canadian) economy to bring inflation back down to target.

"We don't want to see more slack," he said, implying that the central bank would cut rates more

aggressively should growth disappoint.

Concerns about the health of the Canadian economy have spread across the business and financial community.

Speaking at the Canada Club in Toronto on Sept. 10, David McKay, chief executive of Royal Bank of Canada, one of the world's largest banks, said Canada was "heading in the wrong direction."

Added to the list of downside risks worrying the governor is an oil price that has sharply fallen in recent weeks. The G7 economy is a large net energy exporter, with the oil and gas industry accounting for more than three per cent of GDP in 2022, according to the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

Macklem said Canadian oil producers were used to fluctuating global prices, but that "if it's a really sharp cycle, it's going to have a big impact."

The governor said the central bank had not yet decided on a faster path of rate cuts and there were still upside risks to inflation that it needed to monitor, including shelter prices, predominantly rent and mortgage interest costs.

The Canadian rental market has been tight due to supply constraints that have been exacerbated by recent large increases in immigration. Rent prices rose close to nine per cent in the year to July. Canada added about 500,000 immigrants, a historically high level against a population of 39 million, in 2023.

"We expect to see rent price in-

flation come down," Macklem said, though he acknowledged "that could take some time."

Meanwhile, Canadian productivity growth has been surprisingly weak since the pandemic, underscoring its economic troubles relative to the U.S.

"What we thought was that as those supply chain disruptions are worked out ... new workers get trained, you should see some pick-up in productivity growth. That is not what happened in Canada and, in fact, it's not what's happened in the U.K. It's not what's happened in Europe," Macklem said.

"There's something about the pandemic that has really hurt productivity growth in many of our countries ... the U.S. is the exception."

Economic output has been held up in Canada by a significant inflow of immigrants. But that may change going forward, as the federal government recently announced curbs to temporary foreign workers.

While a reduction in immigration could take some heat out of the Canadian rental market, it is expected to make the economic situation worse.

Macklem hoped that the reduction in consumer demand implied by fewer immigrants would be offset by easing borrowing costs.

"Our expectation is you're going to start to see per-capita consumption coming up," he said.

Financial Times  
Additional reporting  
by Ilya Gridneff in Toronto.

## Canadians becoming more optimistic about their finances: survey

GIGI SUHANIC

Canadians continue to show more green shoots of optimism regarding their financial prospects as the Bank of Canada cuts interest rates, suggesting the most recent results of a survey that tracks how they feel about their money situation and the economy.

Maru Public Opinion, which has run the survey since 2020 and the accompanying Maru Household Outlook Index since 2021, said financial optimism is showing up

in several areas, including people's homebuying intentions, their intentions to invest in their retirement and an ongoing improvement in the perception of their local economies.

For example, 13 per cent of people — up from 11 per cent in the previous survey — said they would likely buy a house over the next two months, with younger people in the 18-34 age group and people living in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia most likely to make a move. More people also

said they would "very likely" buy a home in the next 60 days.

"This rise reflects a steady upward lift since reports surfaced in May that the Bank of Canada was likely to begin cutting interest rates in June," John Wright, executive vice-president of Maru Public Opinion, said in a press release.

But, Wright also interpreted the housing data to mean that affordability and debt have likely put people in a position to sell their current home to downsize.

"There is growing pressure that

there is group who need to get out from under debt and expense," Wright said.

"The marketplace is not just a buyer's market, there is a great pent-up demand for selling."

Either way, "anything that moves the marketplace for buying homes is generally seen as a positive," he said.

A rising number of people also told Maru that they intend to put money aside for their retirement. At 56 per cent, up four percentage points from the previous survey,



The Maru Household Outlook indicates an increased interest in buying a home. GETTY

the share is the highest since January 2021.

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CANADIANS READY FOR KING CUP

Singles star Leylah Fernandez, pictured, and doubles specialist Gabriela Dabrowski will headline the Canadian lineup for the Billie Jean King Cup in mid-November. The 26th-ranked Fernandez, from Laval, Que., is the lone Canadian in the top 100 of the WTA Tour's singles rankings. Dabrowski, from Ottawa, is ranked fourth on the doubles list. The roster also includes Marina Stakusic and Bianca Andreescu of Mississauga, Ont.,



and Vancouver's Rebecca Marino. Stakusic is up 27 spots to No. 128 in the latest world singles rankings. Marino is at No. 134 and Andreescu, the 2019 U.S. Open champion, is 167th. Canada will look to become the first team since Czechia in 2016 to successfully defend its Billie Jean King Cup title. Canada will play the winner of Great Britain and Germany in the quarterfinals on Nov. 17 at Malaga, Spain. *The Canadian Press*



Defenceman Hunter Brzustewicz, traded to the Flames by the Canucks, racked up 13 goals and 79 assists for 92 points in 67 games last season with the OHL's Kitchener Rangers. JIM WELLS

FLAMES DEFENCE PROSPECT HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE

After trade from the Canucks, Brzustewicz has more blue line opportunities ahead now



DANNY AUSTIN

Through two games at the Young Stars Classic tournament, Hunter Brzustewicz has already caught the eye.

His poise with the puck, ability to pick out a pass and the timing of his drive to the net before he buried a one-timer against the Winnipeg Jets prospects were all the type of things that will get Calgary Flames fans excited.

When Flames director of player development Ray Edwards looks at Brzustewicz, though, he sees a 19-year-old who put in the work this summer to get his body ready to transition to pro hockey.

It reminds him a little of one former Flames prospect, in particular.

"If you remember (Andrew Mangiapane), his first year with us, I don't want to say he was a kid or a he was a boy or whatever, but he understands after a year that 'oh boy, this is a different level' and then he really decided to dig into the training," Edwards said last week at WinSport before the Flames prospects flew to Penticton, B.C. for the weekend tournament.

"We talk about intent and purpose when you train, if you don't have that intent and purpose and have people around you who

have that, it's mediocre training and you become mediocre. Mang knew he had to do that, so he did it.

"I see that with Hunter already. His body is different than four months ago. ... I look at him and think 'OK, he's done his part.' Now, it's 'OK, what does that turn

Now he's got to make the adjustments on the ice and it's going to be pace, doing everything faster and his checking and defending.

into on the ice?"

The hope for Brzustewicz is that what happens on the ice may wind up being extremely exciting. Two games at a pre-season prospects tournament can only tell us so much, but the fact that he's looked so comfortable is certainly more encouraging than if he'd looked out-of-his-depth.

And his spectacular junior numbers provide a lot of reason for optimism, too.

After getting drafted in the

third round (75th overall) by the Vancouver Canucks last year, Brzustewicz had a spectacular season with the OHL's Kitchener Rangers that saw his stock rise.

He scored 13 goals and added 79 assists. That's 92 points in 67 games; only fellow Flames prospect Zayne Parekh — drafted ninth overall this year — had more among defencemen in the OHL.

In the middle of the season, Brzustewicz had his future plans changed in a pretty major way, too, when he was a key piece acquired by the Flames in the trade that sent Elias Lindholm to the Canucks.

Brzustewicz landed in a situation where there are going to be opportunities on the blue line going forward. He should be a big part of that, and he got to work this summer trying to put himself in the best position possible to make the most of his first year as a pro, whether that's with the Wranglers in the AHL or — who knows? — with the Flames.

"Power, just in my stride and quick turns, too," Brzustewicz said when he was asked what he had worked on this summer. "I just keep going day-by-day, being myself. Keep playing and doing what I know and do. I just keep going day-to-day, doing the same things I've been doing since I was 12 years old."

Heading into training camp, Brzustewicz will be one of the most closely-watched players skating for the Flames. It's unlikely that he's going to wind up in the NHL coming out of training camp and it would be a surprise if he made many appearances with the Flames this year. There's a learning curve from junior to the NHL, and patience is almost always required, especially with defencemen.

But the future is bright for Brzustewicz, and his development toward the NHL is going to be closely monitored.

"I think he's done the stuff off the ice, now he's got to make the adjustments on the ice and it's going to be pace, doing everything faster and his checking and defending," Edwards said. [dustin@postmedia.com](mailto:dustin@postmedia.com) [X.com/DannyAustin\\_9](https://x.com/DannyAustin_9)

Rebounding from rough starts not easy in NFL

Ravens, Cowboys and Rams among teams that need to step it up, Rob Maaddi writes.

It was a rough Sunday for some of the NFL's best teams in 2023.

The 49ers were stymied by the Vikings on the road. The Cowboys got destroyed by the Saints at home. The Ravens blew a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter against the Raiders. The Lions messed up in a home loss to the banged-up Buccaneers.

New season. Different challenges. Last year's records don't matter.

Even Patrick Mahomes and the two-time defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs struggled. They barely escaped with a win over the Bengals when Harrison Butker kicked a last-second 51-yard field goal after a defensive pass interference on fourth-and-16 gave them a chance. And, the Houston Texans needed a defensive stand in the final minute to hold off Caleb Williams and the Bears for a 19-13 victory in the last game of the day.

Las Vegas, Tampa Bay and New Orleans were the three biggest underdogs in Week 2, according to BetMGM Sportsbook.

So much for point spreads.

Gardner Minshew rallied the Raiders (1-1) back from a 23-13 deficit at Baltimore, leading the offence on three scoring drives in the last 12 minutes of a 26-23 win.

Reigning NFL MVP Lamar Jackson couldn't do much to prevent the Ravens, who were 8 1/2-point favourites, from posting their first 0-2 start since 2015. Baltimore led the NFL with 13 wins last season and reached the AFC final before losing to the Chiefs. Now, the Ravens have to climb out of a huge hole.

Of the 32 teams that have started 0-2 since the NFL expanded to 14 playoff teams in 2020, only Cincinnati in 2022 and Houston in 2023 made the post-season.

Just five of the 32 teams even finished with a winning record.

The Cowboys (1-1) had won 16 straight regular-season games at home and were 6 1/2-point favourites over New Orleans, which demolished woeful Carolina in the season opener. But Derek Carr and the Saints ran over Dallas the same way Jordan Love and the Packers did in the same stadium in the playoffs last January.



Derek Carr

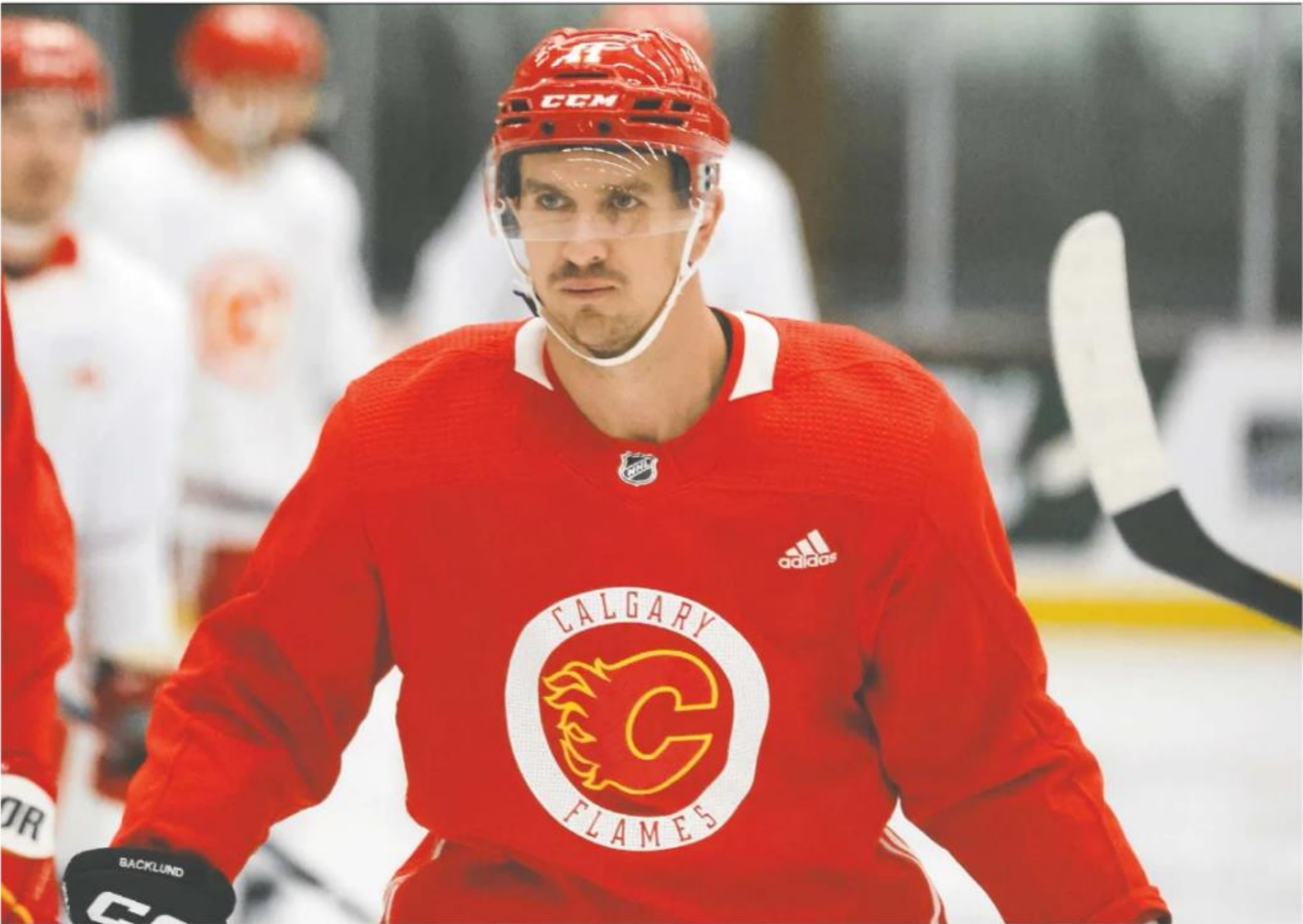
Carr, Alvin Kamara and Rashid Shaheed were unstoppable in a 44-19 rout, scoring touchdowns on the first six drives.

After opening the season with an easy win over Aaron Rodgers and the Jets on Monday night, San Francisco (1-1) never got going in Minnesota. Despite racking up 399 yards of offence, the reigning NFC champions couldn't score enough in a 23-17 loss. Brock Purdy threw for 319 yards, but had two turnovers.

The Los Angeles Rams, another playoff team last year, are 0-2 following a 41-10 loss in Arizona. Injuries have plagued the Rams over the first two weeks and they have to face the 49ers next week.

"The only positive thing is that this game is over now and we can move forward," Rams coach Sean McVay said. *The Associated Press*





On Oct. 30 against the Utah Hockey Club, Mikael Backlund will become the second player in Flames history to suit up for 1,000 games in the Calgary Flames colours. GAVIN YOUNG FILES

# FORWARD-LOOKING QUESTIONS HEADING INTO FLAMES' CAMP

*Will Backlund catch Iginla's game numbers, and will Huberdeau live up to his salary?*



**DANNY AUSTIN**

The Calgary Flames are kicking off their training camp later this week. The waters seem a little calmer than they did a year ago, when the prospect of six prominent soon-to-be free agents seemed to loom over everything. That's gone now, and while expectations are low for the Flames heading into training camp, there are still a lot of questions we've got before things kick off. Today, we're going through our list of one question for every forward who we're expecting to see at Flames training camp:

**MIKAEL BACKLUND**  
**Could he eventually catch Jarome Iginla for most games played in a Flames uniform?**

Backlund is 35 years old, going into his second year as Flames captain and is coming off two of the best seasons of his career. You don't generally expect guys in their mid-30s to be getting better, but the Swedish centre is defying expectations. And on Oct. 30 against the Utah Hockey Club, Backlund will become the second player in Flames history to suit up for 1,000 games in the club's colours. It's a pretty amazing accomplishment, and with Backlund's famously meticulous attention to detail when it comes to fitness and maintaining his body, you can't help but wonder if in a couple years we'll be talking about him passing Iginla's club record of 1,219 games played.

**PARKER BELL**  
**Can he establish himself with the Wranglers?**

A fifth-round draft pick in 2022, Bell has spent the last two years playing with the Tri-City Americans in the WHL, making four appearances for the Calgary Wranglers in the AHL. His numbers with the Americans have been pretty impressive, though. In 59 games last year, he potted 33 goals and added 31 assists, so he's clearly got a scoring touch and some good offensive sense.

Like several other players on this list, though, it's time for the 20-year-old to start making the transition into the pros.

**CLARK BISHOP**  
**Can he earn playing time?**

Over the past two seasons, Flames assistant GM and Wranglers personnel boss Brad Pascall has repeatedly asserted that Bishop was on the shortlist of players who could earn a call-up with the Flames. He hasn't actually played an NHL game since 2022, but he's got a mindset and playing style that could make him a good fit on the fourth line. He's not going to be on the power play, but if the Flames needed a winger to step in and contribute on the fourth line, the 28-year-old should be able to do the job. He's a valuable leader for the Wranglers, but it would be nice to see him get at least a few more NHL games under his belt.

**LUCAS CIONA**  
**What sort of leap does he make in his second year as a pro?**

Lucas Ciona ended his junior career on a high, serving as captain of a Seattle Thunderbirds team that won the WHL championship and played in the Memorial Cup. The transition to the pro game is rarely a straight line, though, and the Flames' sixth-round pick (173rd overall) in the 2021 NHL Draft was in and out of the lineup for the Wranglers last year. He scored four goals and added two assists in 55 games and didn't play in the playoffs. Nobody should be writing him off because of those numbers, though, and it's going to be interesting to watch how he took the lessons from Year 1 and used them to fuel his off-season.

**BLAKE COLEMAN**  
**How much more of an offensive burden can he carry?**

Heading into last season, most of us thought we knew exactly what Coleman was: An incredibly useful third-liner who had a knack for coming up big in pivotal moments. In 2023-24, though, he sort of blew that impression out of the water with a standout campaign. He was second in goals scored for the Flames, with 30, and his 24 assists made him third in points for the club, too. Both of those marks were career highs. Coleman himself said



The way Jonathan Huberdeau has performed since arriving in Calgary two years ago in the trade that sent Matthew Tkachuk to Florida has been hugely disappointing, says Danny Austin. DARREN MAKOWICHUK FILES

he knew he could put up those types of numbers, but had always been asked to play a different role in his career. So can he keep it going? Is it possible that the Flames will move him up the lineup to try to take advantage of his offensive gifts even more than they did last year? If his best is yet to come at 32 years old, that's pretty remarkable.

**WALKER DUEHR**  
**Can he show that last year was an aberration?**

The 2023-24 season felt like a regression for Duehr. Under former head coach Darryl Sutter the previous season, Duehr burst onto the scene and scored seven goals and added four assists in 27 games. He was a force in the corners and seemed primed for a big role last year. It didn't play out that way. His numbers dropped in the 40 games he played, and Duehr scored only twice while adding five assists. To the naked eye, he also just didn't seem to have the same energy to him. Duehr is 26 years old, though, and should be entering his prime. If he can get back to the player that made himself indispensable two seasons ago, he'll find plenty of opportunities.

**MATT CORONATO**  
**Is there a place for him on the roster?**

Coronato is going to have to have an exceptional training camp if he wants to find a place

on the roster on Night 1 of the NHL season. That's not beyond him, but with Coleman, Andrei Kuzmenko and new arrival Anthony Mantha all fighting for playing time at right wing and Coronato's skill set not particularly well-suited for fourth-line minutes, there's not an obvious place on the roster for the 21-year-old. The 13th overall pick in the 2021 NHL Draft scored three goals and six assists in 34 NHL games last year, but also added 15 goals and 27 helpers in 41 games with the Wranglers. It feels like the best thing for his development would be playing regular NHL minutes, but the question is where those minutes are going to come from.

**MARTIN FRK**  
**Can he be more than a big shot?**

At the AHL All-Star Classic back in 2020, Frk uncorked a slap shot that was clocked at 109.2 miles-per-hour. Nobody's ever been recorded shooting a puck harder than that. So yeah, if the Flames could find a way to get him open in the slot, opposing goalies aren't going to love that. Now, Frk isn't really expected to be in the opening night lineup for the Flames. He'll likely start with the Wranglers but could be one of the first call-ups to the NHL team. The Czech winger spent last season in the Swiss League with SC Bern, but at 30 years old, he's played in 124 NHL games and has scored 20 goals.

**MATVEI GRIDIN**  
**Where is he going to play this year?**

The Flames took Gridin in the first round (28th overall) of this year's NHL Draft and got a player who led the USHL in scoring last season and, at the time, was expected to spend this season with the University of Michigan Wolverines in the NCAA. That plan has changed, though, and the Val d'Or Foreurs took him first overall in the CHL Import Draft this summer. Reporting out of Quebec suggests there's a trade in place that will see Gridin joining the Shawinigan Cataractes once the season gets started, although that isn't completely confirmed. Either way, it's going to be an important year for Gridin as he tries to add more consistency to his game in the QMJHL and begins building to hopefully spending more time in Calgary sooner rather than later.

**SAMUEL HONZEK**  
**Can he put a tough year behind him?**

After being selected 16th overall in the 2023 NHL Draft, Honzek had a tough year. The 19-year-old — yes, he's still only 19 — was limited to only 38 outings with the Vancouver Giants in the WHL because of injuries and never quite looked like the player many hoped he can be. Don't overreact, though. Getting hurt the year after you were drafted is tough, but hopes are still high for the Slovakian. He got a little time with the Wranglers at the end of last year and that's where he'll be spending most of this season. The most important thing for Honzek is that he stays healthy and continues developing in the right direction.

**JONATHAN HUBERDEAU**  
**Is this it?**

Huberdeau deserves credit for his professionalism and willingness to stand in front of the media and take accountability when things aren't going well. Seriously, he does. But there's no getting around the fact that the way he's performed since arriving in Calgary two years ago in the trade that sent Matthew Tkachuk to the Stanley Cup champion Florida Panthers has been hugely disappointing. He put up 55 points two seasons ago and only 52 last year. For a guy getting paid US\$10.5 million for the next seven years, that's just not good enough. The Flames need more from him, plain and simple. It's not wrong to worry about whether they're ever going to actually get more or will have to settle for the player they've got and the underwhelming production he gives them. The contract isn't tradable, so we might be asking this question every fall for a long time now. [daustin@postmedia.com](mailto:daustin@postmedia.com) [X.com/DannyAustin\\_9](https://x.com/DannyAustin_9)



# NFL HAS MADE PROGRESS ON CONCUSSIONS

Tagovailoa case shows league, fans and players have all evolved

ROB MAADDI

The NFL has come a long way since the times when players brushed off concussions and stayed in the game or returned too soon.

No more using smelling salts on the bench and getting back in the huddle. No more rubbing dirt on injuries. No more trying to “suck it up” and playing through a potentially serious problem.

The reaction to Tua Tagovailoa’s latest concussion shows how the league, its current and former players, fans and the media have evolved.

Tagovailoa sustained his fourth diagnosed concussion in five years in Miami’s 31-10 loss to Buffalo on Thursday. It was another frightening moment for a quarterback who has a history of head injuries.

Most folks watching were debating whether Tagovailoa should ever step on the field again.

Ultimately, Tagovailoa will make that decision. He is seeing a neurologist this week, a person familiar with his plans told The Associated Press.

Tagovailoa is focused on getting better and gathering information. He isn’t thinking about retiring, according to the person who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity for privacy reasons.

“If I’m him, at this point, I’m seriously considering retiring from football,” hall of fame tight end Tony Gonzalez said on Amazon Prime Video’s broadcast after the game.

“If that was my son, I would be like, ‘It might be time.’ This stuff is not what you want to play around with.”



Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa sits on the field as he is attended to after he suffered an injury against the Buffalo Bills in Miami on Sept. 12. The 26-year-old sustained his fourth diagnosed concussion in five years.

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Former Bengals and Rams tackle Andrew Whitworth pointed to the difference between concussions and other injuries.

“There’s so many injuries we can have surgeries for, there’s so many things we can fix,” Whitworth said. “But a head trauma and getting knocked out on the field? There’s really not much you can ever do about that. You can’t go to a doctor and say, ‘Hey, fix my brain and the damage I’ve done to it.’”

More education about brain injuries has led to strict guide-

lines that help protect players, sometimes from themselves.

The league and the NFL Players Association instituted concussion protocols in 2011 when Colt McCoy took a helmet-to-helmet hit in a game and returned without being tested for a concussion.

The protocols have been expanded a few times since. There are independent certified athletic trainers, or ATC spotters, watching in a booth and monitoring the players on the field to have someone removed from

the game if they see an impact to the head. Team trainers, coaches or physicians, teammates, game officials or unaffiliated neuro-trauma consultants also can initiate the protocol.

All players who undergo any concussion evaluation on game day must have a followup evaluation conducted the next day by a member of the medical staff. Players have to pass various testing to get cleared to play again.

It’s a different era for player safety in the NFL.

In 2013, the league agreed to

pay more than three-quarters of a billion dollars to settle lawsuits from thousands of former players who developed dementia or other concussion-related health problems they say were caused by on-field violence.

The final agreement was uncapped and so far it has cost the NFL US\$1.3 billion.

More than 4,500 former players, some of them suffering from Alzheimer’s disease or depression, accused the NFL of concealing the long-term dangers of concussions and rushing injured players back onto the field.

Now, caution is stressed at every level.

It’s too early to determine if or when Tagovailoa will play again. But everyone agrees his health is the main priority.

“The reality is we have more information (now) about the long-term potential effects of having concussions during football,” former Cowboys defensive end Marcus Spears said on ESPN’s NFL Live panel. “I’m not going to lie. We played kinda blindly. We thought a concussion was in five, six days when you passed protocol, you stopped having headaches and you’re not light-sensitive, you’re back on the field.”

“I wasn’t thinking about the potential when I turn 45 to 50 years old. I can imagine these conversations now are being turned into making sure long term that Tua is making a decision based on now, but more importantly for his family and his two children. ... With the ability to have more information about the impact long term, it makes this discussion have more detail and more nuance than just saying: ‘Bounce back, Tua. We’ll see you when you get back on the field.’”

Tagovailoa, who signed a four-year, US\$212.4-million contract extension in the off-season, won’t be pressured to play.

Dolphins coach Mike McDaniels made it clear the team won’t put any pressure on Tagovailoa.

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## Doctors Natural Health Breakthrough News Clinically Tested Men’s Sexual Solution Invented By Doctor

World-Famous Expert on Male Sexual Health, Dr. Henry Esber, PhD, discovered a natural solution to an underreported problem that affects 500 million men worldwide.

By Steven Wuzubia Health Correspondent

**Clearwater, Florida** – Dr. Esber is a world-famous expert on medicine development and best-selling author on male sexual health.

For years, men asked Dr. Esber for a solution that would work to end lack of penile sensitivity and feeling, plus trouble getting an erection or achieving orgasm.

“Many men do not feel comfortable telling even their doctor about a lack of feeling and pleasure during intercourse.” These men suffering from Reduced Penile Sensitivity (RPS) often experience loss of confidence, frustration, and even depression and anxiety; in some cases, men may also develop erectile dysfunction.

The delay or inability to achieve orgasm, regardless of whether or not an erection is maintained, may result in negative personal consequences, such as relationship stress, health problems, relationship problems, and the avoidance of sexual intimacy.

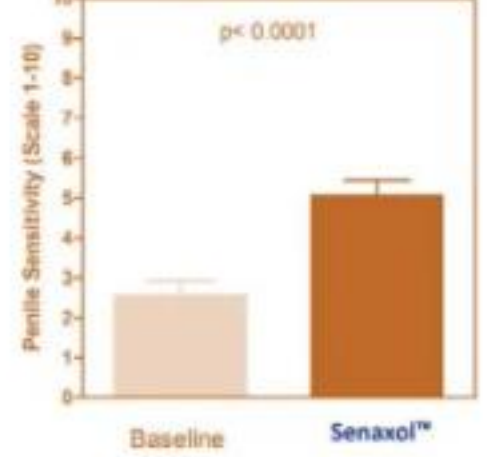
To solve these problems, Dr. Esber researched all studies done on natural ingredients and discovered several that really help men.

He put these natural ingredients into a cream for men and the results have been remarkable.

Men who use it report much more penile feeling, arousal, sensitivity and pleasure from their sexual intercourse. They have less or no more difficulty in stimulating the penis and/or achieving orgasm at the right time.

**THE CAUSES** Reduced Penile Sensitivity (RPS) is commonly associated with aging, diabetes, hernia surgery, multiple sclerosis, circumcision or the use of certain prescription drugs.

Men with this condition have decreased sensation in the penis during sexual intercourse and delay of ejaculation, and also difficulty in stimulating the penis, maintaining an erection or achieving orgasm.



A number of factors can contribute to reduced penile sensitivity, most of them related either to circulatory or nerve issues. Reduced circulation to the area due to obesity, cardiovascular problems, diabetes or prolonged sitting can result in some loss of sensation. Nerve damage related

to penis trauma, circumcision, prostatectomy or spinal injuries may also result in lost sensation.

The prevalence of RPS is estimated to be over 500 million men on a worldwide basis. Dr. Esber states “It’s not a man’s fault. They did nothing wrong. They are not any less of a man.”

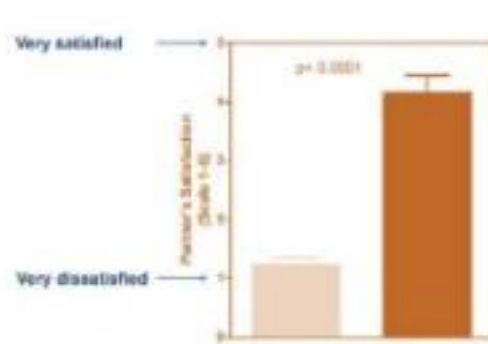
**HOW IT WORKS** The name of the cream Dr. Esber invented is SENAXOL Men rub the cream on twice daily for the first two weeks then once a day for eight additional weeks. There is a nice cinnamon smell or no residues. The natural Cinnamaldehyde activates the TRPA1 receptor (IC50= 9.5µM). This increases the reaction of sensory neurons to stimulus such as warmth, cold and touch.

This activation results in heightened sensitivity of the penis and pleasurable sensation.

The nutrients in the cream also help to rejuvenate and soften the penis skin and support circulatory and nerve health.

For example, Joe Romas, 52, from Oakland, was not feeling any penile sensation during sex and it took way too long to ejaculate because of this, not to mention the lack of feeling made it unpleasurable. Within one week after he started applying cream, he reported, “I now have my old feeling and pleasure back. Sex is fun again and feels great. My wife and I are much happier now.”

“I have full feeling and sensitivity back in my penis. This cream has been a Godsend for me,” said Otto Garangton of Seattle.



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After an injury-plagued season that cost him nearly half his team's games, Bo Bichette and the Toronto Blue Jays will have an interesting decision to make this summer about a contract extension. He has one more season left in his current deal. JON BLACKER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# BICHETTE HAS PUT JAYS IN A TRICKY POSITION

Star infielder gives mixed signals about his desire to remain in Toronto



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Bo Bichette is expected to rejoin the Toronto Blue Jays in Texas in time for Tuesday's game with the Rangers.

The return of a player of Bichette's calibre, even one playing at well below his abilities thanks in large part to injuries, should be a cause for celebration. And in many corners it will be. But it doesn't come without a lot of awkward questions. Bichette has been at the root of some of that.

The question that looms over the organization is the future of two of its homegrown stars.

There's Vladimir Guerrero Jr., enjoying an MVP-type campaign, and like Bichette, in that window of "it's time to lock our star down now."

But unlike Bichette, Guerrero has given few if any indications that he wants to be anywhere but Toronto and the overwhelming belief is Guerrero's extension is almost assuredly coming this off-season.

Also, Guerrero is comparatively healthy, give or take the odd wrist or hand injury courtesy of

wayward or in some cases intentional pitches.

That's not to say Bichette won't be an extension candidate himself. Right now, a new Guerrero deal seems more likely than one for Bichette.

Both players are under team control for at least one more season. Bichette is going into the last of a three-year deal that will pay him US\$17,583,333 in 2025. Guerrero is coming off a one-year \$19.9-million deal and has one more year of arbitration before he could become a free agent.

Guerrero is also a full year younger than Bichette.

But there are more reasons Guerrero would have extension priority over Bichette.

Guerrero is in the midst of one of his best campaigns of his young career. It feels like he has found his niche, no longer chasing bad pitches, but rather showing patience, waiting on the one he wants to hit and then doing his damage.

Bichette — and again injuries are a big part of this — is hitting just .222 with four home runs this season in 80 games.

A second part is durability. Recurring calf issues have limited Bichette to those 80 games this season with three separate, though clearly related absences over the season. At just 26, that still will factor in if management decides they are willing to extend only one of their two stars.

Then there's the rest of the roster to consider. The Jays are already going to be shelling out plenty of money this off-season as they attempt to shore up a leaky bullpen and add some power to a lineup that has been sorely lacking in that area all season. They also have plenty of decisions to make on the remainder of the roster with just seven players under contract for next season, including Bichette.

The real reason, though, for all the uncertainty surrounding Bichette has been the mixed signals he has been sending. These date back to the trade deadline when Bichette seemed to be openly toying with the idea of a new address.

Again, this could have been nothing more than responding to all the rumours circulating about his future at the time, but only Bichette knows that for sure.

In his most recent interview with Sportsnet's Shi Davidi, Bichette stated very clearly his goal is to win a championship in Toronto alongside his good friend Vladly. Still, not everyone is buying this.

As one national baseball writer suggested recently in a radio interview, this looks more like contract posturing than actual earnest talk.

Now the writer in question, ESPN's Buster Olney, readily admitted he had not talked with Bichette, but the timing of the comments, particularly following some earlier ones by Bichette heading into the trade deadline in which he sounded very amenable to finding a new home

elsewhere, gave some credence to Olney's suggestion.

With just a dozen games remaining, Bichette isn't going to get more than about 50 more at bats.

Teams not named the Blue Jays are going to be paying based on what they have seen most recently. That's not a good bargaining position for Bichette.

The Jays, because they have so much more first-hand knowledge of the player, would be more inclined to put at least more emphasis than their competitors on what Bichette has done previously.

And if nothing else, having the Jays interested would bump his negotiating leverage with other teams.

Of course, all of this could be moot. The team could just decide to let things play out in 2025 with Bichette playing out his final year and push back any further extension talk.

It would allow the organization to focus more on bolstering the roster elsewhere, which is something Bichette wants, but it could also come at a cost.

It would mean passing on an opportunity to get an all-star calibre player signed long term when his leverage is at a low point because that may not be the case a year from now.

Few would argue Bichette is fully capable of getting that leverage back given another full season.

Either way it's going to be an interesting off-season for the Jays and Bichette in particular. [mganter@postmedia.com](mailto:mganter@postmedia.com)

NOTEBOOK

## Pens give Crosby two-year extension

Sidney Crosby plans to stay a Pittsburgh Penguin for at least three more years.

The Penguins announced on Monday they re-signed the 37-year-old from Cole Harbour, N.S., to a two-year contract extension that has an average annual value of US\$8.7 million. The deal, significantly below the market value for an NHL superstar, extends through the 2026-27 season.

Penguins GM Kyle Dubas commended Crosby for signing a team-friendly deal in an effort to help the Penguins win "both now and in the future."

According to Spotrac, a sports salary tracking website, the Penguins superstar is tied for the 42nd-highest salary in the NHL with Detroit's Dylan Larkin and Montreal's Patrik Laine.

The three-time Stanley Cup champion is coming off a 42-goal, 94-point campaign that saw him finish tied for 12th in scoring.

Golf Canada has set an impressive stretch goal of having 30 professional golfers at the highest levels of the sport by 2032.

The World Junior Girls Golf Championship is a huge part of that target. Credit Valley Golf and Country Club will hold the international tourney from Sept. 30-Oct. 5 in Mississauga, Ont., with 24 teams representing 23 nations.

Canada has two squads in the event. Lindsay McGrath, a 17-year-old golfer from Oakville, Ont., will be joined by Nobelle Park of Oakville and Eileen Park of Red Deer, Alta., on Team Canada 1. All three earned their places through a qualifying tournament.

Shauna Liu of Maple, Ont., Calgary's Aphrodite Deng and Clairey Lin make up Team Canada 2. Liu earned her exemption with a win at the 2024 Canadian Junior Girls Championship, while Deng earned her exemption as being the low eligible Canadian on the world amateur golf ranking (No. 175) as of Aug. 7.

New York Jets edge rusher Jermaine Johnson confirmed Monday in a social media post he tore his right Achilles tendon.

The 25-year-old Johnson was carted off the field in the third quarter of New York's 24-17 victory in Tennessee on Sunday.

The loss of Johnson is a blow to the Jets' defence, which is still without Haason Reddick, who remains a contract holdout while looking for an extension.

Paris Saint-Germain defender Nuno Mendes was the target of abusive and racist comments on social media after a French league game.

The club condemned the abuse and expressed its "full support" for the Portugal left back, who was targeted following PSG's 3-1 win against Brest on Saturday.

Mendes, who is Black, shared on his Instagram account a racist message he received.

During the match, he brought down Ludovic Ajorque in the box for a penalty that Romain Del Castillo converted to give Brest the lead.

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### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	87	63	.580	—	Cleveland	87	64	.576	—	Houston	81	68	.544	—
Baltimore	84	66	.560	3	Kansas City	82	68	.547	4.5	Seattle	77	73	.513	4.5
Boston	75	75	.500	12	Minnesota	79	71	.527	7.5	Texas	71	79	.473	10.5
Tampa Bay	73	77	.487	14	Detroit	77	73	.513	9.5	Oakland	65	85	.433	16.5
Toronto	72	78	.480	15	Chicago	35	115	.233	51.5	Los Angeles	60	89	.403	21

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	90	59	.604	—	Milwaukee	86	63	.577	—	Los Angeles	88	61	.591	—
New York	82	68	.547	8.5	Chicago	76	73	.510	10	San Diego	85	65	.567	3.5
Atlanta	81	68	.544	9	St. Louis	74	75	.497	12	Arizona	83	66	.557	5
Washington	68	82	.453	22.5	Cincinnati	73	78	.483	14	San Francisco	72	78	.480	16.5
Miami	55	95	.367	35.5	Pittsburgh	71	78	.477	15	Colorado	57	93	.380	31.5

### CFL

East	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
x-Montreal	13	10	2	1	351	288	21
Ottawa	13	8	4	1	335	347	17
Toronto	13	7	6	0	364	342	14
Hamilton	13	4	9	0	347	409	8

West	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Winnipeg	13	7	6	0	295	274	14
British Columbia	14	7	7	0	352	350	14
Saskatchewan	13	5	7	1	333	330	11
Edmonton	13	5	8	0	385	342	10
Calgary	13	4	8	1	301	381	9

x—clinched playoff berth; Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for a tie.

**Week 15**  
Byes: Edmonton, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg  
**Saturday's results**  
Hamilton 37 Ottawa 21  
Montreal 19 Calgary 19 (OT)  
**Friday's result**  
Toronto 33 British Columbia 17  
**Week 16**  
Bye: British Columbia  
**Friday's games**  
Hamilton at Toronto, 5 p.m.  
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Sept. 21**  
Montreal at Ottawa, 1 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 5 p.m.

### NFL STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	65	38	Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	31	16
Miami	1	1	0	.500	30	48	Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	35	46
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	43	49	Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	43	53
New England	1	1	0	.500	36	33	Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	35	42
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	48	40	Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	53	45
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	37	45	L.A. Chargers	2	0	0	1.000	48	13
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	30	38	Las Vegas	1	1	0	.500	36	45
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	34	48	Denver	0	2	0	.000	26	39

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	34	29	Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	51	23
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	52	61	Chicago	1	1	0	.500	37	36
Washington	1	1	0	.500	41	55	Detroit	1	1	0	.500	42	40
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	24	49	Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	44
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	91	29	Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	49	40
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	57	36	Arizona	1	1	0	.500	69	44
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	10	18	San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	49	42
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	13	73	L.A. Rams	0	2	0	.000	30	67